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President Ezer Weizman (left) meets with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Alexandria yesterday.

## Mubarak meets Weizman, softens tone on Azzam

Egyptian President Hosni Mnbarak yesterday softened his Israeli sentenced to 15 years in an Egyptian jail for espionage last Accords. Mccting with President Ezer

Weizman at the presidential palace would look for a legal way to release Azzam. The two also discussed peace

efforts between Israel and the Palestinians, and spoke of a Camp David-format summit, with the participation of Israeli, Palestinian, and Egyptian leaders, to jump-start the peace process. At

said he was taking back some ideas to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, including a proposal withdrawals mandated in the Oslo

Referring to Azzam, Mubarak said: "We're not closing or opening any doors, but we are now in Alexandria yesterday, he said he holding discussions with Weizman to see if there are legal ways to contain this problem. We're trying to find a legal solution."

The talks about Azzam will continue between Mubarak's senior adviser Osama cl-Baz and Weizman's hureao chief Arye

Mubarak said he could not sim-

ply release Azzam, since neither presidents Gamal Abdel Nasser nor Anwar Sadat had given such a

rie noted that any decision regarding a pardon must be made on the basis of general principles, and requires his examination of all similar cases, as others will have to be pardoned as well.

Mubarak criticized the Israeli media for bringing the subject up again and again, ooting that had the case oot drawn such widespread publicity it could have been solved behind the scenes.

"The spy Azzam Azzam could have been freed before reaching trial, if [the Israeli media] hadn't announced his arrest four days before the economic conference," Mubarak said. Weizman said Israel had under-

gone a very difficult year, with several terrorist attacks, noting "this does not eocourage the Israeli citizen to stick to the peace process. I hope [Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser] Arafat understands this and is acting to prevent further attacks."

Mubarak agreed with Weizman on the terrorism issue and said there is no longer room for wars in the region. However, he pointed out that "if we wait until complete security is reached for everyone. and only then turn to making peace, why, that would be

### Labor court halts strike; seeks Histadrut, Treasury compromise

#### By DAVID HARRIS

The National Labor Court was scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. this morning in a bid to bring an end to the dispute between the Histadrut and the Finance Ministry. In an unprecedented step,

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman testified before the court during a

### Unemployment hits 8%,

nine-hour session that stretched into the early hours of yesterday. That session failed to produce a permanent solution to the parties' differences, but the court did instruct the Histadrut to end yester-

Amir Peretz met again last night in Jerusalem in an attempt to avert further industrial action and reach a.compromise.

day's strike at 2 p.m., rather than allowing it to continue indefinitely as the Histadrut had intended.
Neeman and Histadrut Chairman

The atmosphere at the meeting was reportedly good, and Peretz



agreed to respond to certain undisclosed offers made by Neeman, according to Treasury spokeswoman Estie Applebaum.
Today a timetable will be set for

further talks.

Some 500,000 people participated in yesterday's strike, which wreaked havoc throughout the country. There was widespread support for the action from Histadrut members, although some workplaces were able to function on a scaled-down basis. The Histadrut decided to observe

the Labor Court's ruling and called on members to return to work at 2 p.m. It also said it would not renew strike action this week. The decision was taken so as not to unduly burden the population ahead of Rosh Hashana, said Peretz. However, he warned that if there is a further strike, it will be indefinite and far more severe than yester-

Among the sectors affected by the strike were education, health, transport, emergency services, central and local government, and various industries.

Neeman told cabinet colleagues yesterday that despite his attempts to talk to Peretz, no progress was

"Regarding the cabinet's decision on structural reforms, Peretz once again said that until the government decision is revoked, there's absolutely nothing to talk about," Neeman reported. "We, the citizens of the state, are paying NIS 100 million a day for Amir Peretz's political run."



#### Olmert acquitted

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert offers a prayer at the Western Wall after his acquittal on fraud charges yesterday. Story, Page 14.

### Barak, in Netivot, repeats apology to Sephardim

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak seemed the uncertain groom in Netivot's gaudily decorated Rose

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Hali yesterday, as he again extended his hand in an offer of union to a long sought-after but reluctant

bride: the country's Sephardim. For the second time in four days, Barak - speaking to a special session of the Labor Party convention - apologized in the name of the party for indignities caused to the Sephardim during the early years of

This time be answered directly those critics who questioned his

## Talks with PA to resume

#### By MICHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies

Israel and the Palestinian Authority have decided to resume direct talks in the framework of the Oslo Accords, the Prime Minister's Office indicated yesterday.

An official announcement of the resumption of the working group sessions is expected today at the meeting in New York of Foreign Minister David Levy, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's deputy Mahmoud Abbas and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said at yesterday's cabinet meeting that the resumption of talks, which have been stalled since February, was made possible by the discussions held in Washington between an Israeli delegation headed by Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh and the PA, and by the security steps taken by the Palestinian authorities.

The main thing is to make clear to the other side that we want to go forward with the process, but that they must fight terror," Netanyahu told Channel 1. "There is a change in the past few days. I think that finally something has sunk in."

Netanyahu also said he had given instructions to transfer to the PA half of the funds which Israel has withheld since the Mahaneh Yehuda

attack on July 30. The Finance Ministry said that NIS 59 million would be handed over. That represents about half the original sum withheld. A third, NIS 40m., was transferred last month.

Netanyahu noted that he made the decision to release the funds after receiving reports of the PA's first measures against terrorism, stressing that these steps must be continuous, systematic and consistent. Industry and Trade Minister

Natan Sharansky suggested the funds not be transferred to Arafat's personal account, due to PA fmancial corruption. But his motion was rejected because the deal with the PA stipulates the funds be deposited directly into Arafat's account. The IDF also announced another

easing of the closure. An additional 8.000 Palestinians will be allowed to enter Israel beginning this morning, bringing the total number of workers allowed in to 29,000. The Palestinian welcomed the

government's decisions to release funds and resume negotiations. "The Israeli government agreed

to resume the negotiating committees and we see this as a positive step in the right direction," Arafat's spokesman Marwan Kanafani said. The issues before the committees

the West Bank and Gaza and the release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel

Time magazine reports in its issue coming out today that Arafat said after fainting at an Arab foreign ministers' meeting in Cairo that he fears he will not live until his 70th hirthday, in two years. The magazine cited Arab sources.

At the opening of yesterday's cab-inet session, General Security Service head Ami Ayalon briefed the ministers on security issues and reported on the investigation which led to the identification of four out of the five suicide bombers responsible for recent attacks in Jerusalem. Ayalon said there are indications that the PA has begun taking steps against the terror infrastructure.

Commenting on the reports of IDF "war games" simulating an IDF reconquest of PA-controlled towns, Netanyahu branded the reports as "irresponsible" and stressed they had nothing to do with the govern-

ment's policy or its plans of action. The cabinet also approved President Ezer Weizman's trip to Washington at the end of the week.

Albright, who is in New York for the UN General Assembly, will also hold separate talks today with Levy and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara on how to revive Israeliinclude the opening of Gaza air and sea polis, a "safe passage" between." Syrian peace talks.



in brief

#### Cabinet okays extension of Shahak's command

The cabinet yesterday approved a request by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to extend the the term of Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak by seven months. Shahak, who was to have stepped down on January 1, will serve until July 9, a cabinet statement said.

#### Grapes of Wrath panel meeting today

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring group is to convene at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura today to hear a complaint by Israel over the wounding of a resident of the security zone earlier this week. Israel charged that the woman was hurt as a result of a Sagger anti-tank missile fired by Hizbullah.

David Rudge

#### Israel denies involvement in attack on Hamas leader

The Israeli embassy in Amman yesterday denied that Israel was involved in a Thursday attack on Hamas political chief Khaled

Meshal, blamed by Hamas on Mossad agents.
"We deny it. Nothing to do with it," embassy spokesman Roey

Jordan inioally dismissed the incident as an argument between Meshal's driver and Canadian tourists and said Meshal was not involved. It later acknowledged he was attacked.

Reuters

#### Man killed in traffic accident

A man was killed and two others injured in a collision between two cars on the Beersheba-Arad road yesterday. Traffic Police investigators determined that the man killed was speeding, lost control of his car, and swerved into oncoming traffic, hitting an approaching car head-on. His passenger was injured, as was the driver of the second car.

#### Soldier injured in roadblock incident

A soldier was injured when a car ran an IDF roadblock yesterday afternoon near Kalandia, north of Jerusalem. The IDF Spokesman said the soldier was lightly injured and treated at the site before being transferred to hospital. Soldiers at the roadblock opened fire on the fleeing vehicle. The spokesman said the abandoned car was later discovered near Alfei Menashe. with bullet holes and bloodstains in it. It was determined that it had been stolen. Margot Dudkevitch

#### Arsonists set fire to Rabin assassin's home

Arsonists tried to set fire to the home of prime minister Rabin's assassin in Herzliya before dawn Sunday. It was the third attempt to burn down the house, the local fire brigade said.

The parents and sister of convicted killer Yigal Amir and his accomplice brother Hagai were awakened by the fire that burned a table and a TV set before they extinguished it and called the fire brigade. The fire was set by an inflammable liquid mixed with benzine poured through shutters.

#### Boy recovering from viper bite

An eight-year-old Netanya from was recovering in Laniado Hospital yesterday after being bitten by a poisonous viper. The boy was bitten on Friday while playing in his schoolyard. A teacher rushed him to the hospital in his car. After describing the snake, the boy lost consciousness and his blood pressure dropped. He was given infusions and anti-snake serum. A professional snake catcher was sent to get the animal, and it was viper. The boy is now out of danger, according to Laniado doctors. Judy Siegel

#### Israeli, Tunisian receive prize founded by Billy Joel

Abie Nathan and Tunisian activist Khemais Chammari were honored yesterday for their buman rights efforts with a prize founded by singer Billy Joel. The winners of the DM 25,000 Human Rights Prize of the City of Nuremburg were chosen by a jury that includes former German president Richard von Weizsaecker, Czech President Vaclav Havel, and UNESCO general director Frederico Mayor.

Joel endowed the prize with the proceeds from two benefit concerts he gave in 1995 in the city, where his parents, both German Jews, were born. At the award ceremony, both winners were praised for their efforts to make peace between Arabs and

#### Turf war over TV franchises

By HELEN KAYE

A turf war is heating up between the Second Television and Radio Authority (STRA) and the Communications Ministry, headed by Limor Livnat, on the extension of Channel 2 franchises.

In emergency session last Friday, the STRA council decided in advance to December 31, 1997 its decision whether or not to extend the current franchises, held by Reshet, Keshet and Tel-Ad, for annther four years from 1999, when the franchises are set

to expire. That decision was taken in light of proposed legislation, which will oblige the STRA council to decide on whether or not to issue new tenders, only in November 1998, rather than in June. The government wants to pass this legislation by the end of the year, as part of

the economic arrangements bill. The government apparently wants the delay to give it a chance to take steps to implement the Peled Commission's recommendations regarding commercial

#### With great sadness we announce the passing of **HIRSCH JACOBSON**

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## PA security sources admit link between Hamas political and military wings

By STEVE RODAN

Palestinian Authority security officials, seeking the arrest of Islamic militants, have acknowledged that there is a link between the political and military wings of Hamas as well as between its social service organizations and

terrorist squads.
The officials said the link became apparent during PA investigations of senior Hamas acovists detained over the last week in sweeps throughout the West Bank

and Gaza Strip.

In the past, the PA accepted the position of Hamas that the military wing is completely indepen-dent of the movement's political representatives.

"In investigations by Palestinian

have a connection to activities of the military infrastructure [nf the movement]," a Palestinian security source told the PA-aligned Al Hayat al-Jadida.

"In addition, a number of social institutions [of Hamas] secretly grant aid to attempts to establish a military infrastructure in the movement," he said.

A senior Israeli security source said the PA does not plan to carry out the mass arrests demanded by Israel. But it intends to keep those arrested in jail for longer than previous periods.

The source said, "The message Arafat is giving is two-fold. One is to Israel and particularly the US that he is fighting terror, the other

security it became clear that a is to Hamas, which Arafat feels number of Hamas political leaders has gotten too cocky lately for its own good."

A Palestinian source close to PA security said that for the first time since 1994 the PA is tracking down the secret Hamas military squads. The source said PA security services are much better prepared for the mission than several years ago when they knew little of the Hamas organizational structure.

But the source said he doesn't believe Arafat will demand the arrest of Hamas military leaders, such as Mohammed Deif. "We are talking about the mid-level commanders," the source said. "Arresting the top commanders would be too much." For their part, Israeli officials remain skeptical of the PA's intendons of

cracking down on Hamas. Security sources said the PA arrests are meant to satisfy US rather than Israeli demands on battling terrorism.

"We are not really in the picture," a security source said. "It seems as if it is more the PA and the US working together." The PA offensive against Hamas has not dampened the ardor of the military wing. A leaflet released by Izzeddin al-Kassam, the armod wing of Hamas, warned of more attacks against Israel in reaccon to Thursday's alleged assassination attempt of Hamas political leader Khaled Mashal in Amman.

"We are calling on all of our military wings to unite forces and. respond strongly and effectively in

At a news conference in Gaza. Hamas leaders protested PA arrests of activists and the closure of their institutions. They said they were taken aback by the ferocity of the PA crackdown and called on human rights groups and the Palestinian Legislative Council to intervene.

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"This campaign is unjustified from our point of view," Abdullah Shami, a Hamas leader who in 1992 was deported by Israel to south Lebanon, told The Jerusalem Post. "The institutions that were closed haven't any connection to the military activities. The PA must stop these illegal measures.

Mohammed Najib contributed

## Gov't memo: PA becoming Islamic guardian in Jerusalem

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The Palestinian Authority is rapidly taking over Islamic insti-tutions in the Old City of Jerusalem, and the speeches and activities of the mufti have become more extreme, according to an internal memo of the Prime Minister's Office obtained by The Jerusalem Post.

The two main political-religious leaders, the Minister of Wakf and Religions Affairs Hassan Tahboub and the PAappointed Jerusalem Mufti Ikrama Sabri are asserting their influence over all aspects of life

in the Old City. The mufti, according to the memo, operates in various spheres. He preaches inciteful sermons at the Al-Aksa Mosque on Fridays against Israel and those who collaborate with it. He issues religious opinions which are political, including his rulings that call for the killing of land dealers who sell property to Israelis and forbid Arab residents of Jerusalem to take Israeli

citizenship.

He participates as the central dignitary in various events that are political and religious. He participates in protest activities against Israel and is strengthening his des with Israeli Arabs, acting as their mufti.

There has been a noticeable radicalization of the mufti's acovides in the last few months, the report said.

In a speech at Al-Aksa on July 11. Sabri branded Israeli settlers "sons of monkeys and pigs," and called for America's destruccion. Sabri charged that the US "is ruled by Zionist Jews," and that President Bill Clinton "is fulfilling his father's will to identify

Sabri, once very pro-Jordan, was appointed by the PA to be the supreme Moslem religious authority in Jerusalem, super-seding his veteran Jordanianbacked counterpart, Abdel-Khader Abdin, who occupies a smaller office than Sabri near

the Temple Mount. There has been cootinuous friction between the Jordanian Wakf (Moslem religious trust), which has been the custodian of the Temple Mount for decades, and the Palestinian Wakf, which Arafat appointed after his arrival in Gaza in 1994.

Though Al-Aksa is under Israeli jurisdiction, it is also subject to the direct and exclusive.

administration of the Waki. Tahboub, the memo noted, "does not try and cover himself anymore as chairman of Supreme Islamic Council; but operates openly as Walcf and religious affairs minister for the

In his posicion as chairman of the Supreme Religious Council, he led the PA takeover of the Wakf, as well as other religious institutions in Jerusalem.":

The Wakf, under Tahbonb, "is making renovations on the Temple Mount, and there are plans for more renovaonns without any permission or coordination with Israeli authorities," the memo noted.

It said that Tahboub's office takes care of all arrangements regarding the pilgrimage to Mecca, including those of Arabs with Israeli identity cards whn live in Jerusalem.

## Report: Soldiers not trained to cope with brush fires

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Completing the Talmud

The inquiry into the death of five Golani Brigade soldiers in a brush fire in south Lebanon has determined that the soldiers should have been ordered to evacuate sooner, but that the IDF had no print training nr understanding on how to behave during fires. The commander of the force

didn't correctly estimate the pace of the fire or how it was developing," said inquiry head Maj.-Gen. Gaby Ashkenazy, assistant to the deputy chief of general staff.

Because of the lack of experi-

ence with fires, Ashkenazy's inquiry said, the soldiers were not able to determine when to start fleeing the rapidly approaching blaze. He added that neither the soldiers on the ground, nor the commanders back at beadquarters

"The government supports the stance of the Finance Ministry and

once again calls on the Histadrut to

return to the negotiating table," said

Minister Binyamin

were aware of the dangers. Speaking to reporters in Tel Aviv, Ashkenazy said the situation was unique and nn one had any training on how to behave under

Thousands of haredim jam into the Yad Eliahu arena last night to mark the Siyum Hashas,

the completion of the 'daf yomi' (daily page) cycle of Talmud study, which ends every seven-and-a-half years. The program was initiated in 1923 by Rabbi Meir Shapiro of Poland, whose

photo appears in the background. The event was broadcast by satellite to cities around the world, many of which held their own celebrations yesterday. Members and leaders of the

major hassidic and Lithuanian haredi streams attended; Shas leaders were not present. Shas

plans to hold a separate celebration tomorrow night in Jerusalem.

such circumstances.

One of the committee's recommendations was to give soldiers and commanders special training on how to behave during fires.

The incident occurred last August 26 when a 15-man force set up an ambush in a deep ravine. It soon encountered a six-member squad of Amai guerrillas. After a four-hour bande, four of the the Arnal men were killed, and two were thought to have fled. The commander of the Golani team called in artillery and helicopter gunship support after more guerrillas were spotted in the area, and

Authorities. The Labor court's deci-

loss, said ULA chairman Adi Eldar.

The first flight out of Ben-Gurion

their fire started a brush fire.

drawal too late and were caught in the fire. Four soldiers burned to death and a fifth died later of his wounds.

Channel 1 had initially claimed that the force had several times asked for permission to leave the area, but received no answer. It even reported a claim that the soldiers were ordered to stay put. But Ashkenazy said a total review of the recordings from that day showed there was no such radio

We listened to the radin recordings between the force and the command center, and we did not find any evidence that the soldiers asked specifically to withdraw or that the battalion commander, who was in the command center, refused the request," Ashkenazy

"There were some discussions

quote options, for withdrawal, but nothing more than that," he said.

Ashkenazy also said that the company commander acknowledged that he did not need permission to order a withdrawal and could do so once he felt his force was in danger - and this is what he did. The first report of the fire came in at 12:38. By 13:00 they spoke of withdrawal options should the fire threaten. But it wasn'ı until 14:08 that the force commander radioed in that the fire

was approaching them quickly. The committee determined that even had the battalion commander ordered a withdrawal at 14:08, it wouldn't have been enough to prevent the force from getting into the distress it ran into," Ashkenazy

OC Northern Command Maj.-

Gen. Amiram Levine is to summon the Golani battalion commander, Lt.-Col. N., to "review the report with him and point out deficiencies in the preparation of the force for the mission, wrong decisions, and the level of preparedness of the forward evacuation unit.

Some of the deficiencies were the result of the heavy burden placed on the soldiers and lack of professionalism, the committee

One of the officers in the raiding party, Lt. D., is also to be reprimanded for not having better command over his soldiers during the withdrawal, Ashkenazy said.

The committee heard testimony from 70 experts, including fire fighters and doctors. A copy of the report was also given to the fami-lies of the five soldiers who died.

omy, Agriculture Minister Rafael

Eitan charged in his latest attack on the Histadnut chairman.

Hassidim going on their traditional Rosh Hashana pilgrimage to the grave of Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav STRIKE Continued from Page 1 in Uman in Ukraine. Writing to ministry staff pleading

Despite the pre-holiday pressure

with them not to strike, Agriculture Ministry Director-General Danny Neeman then accused former and the fact that some passengers Labor finance minister Avraham Krichman said the industrial action had to wait a few hours for their Shohat of having signed a pension flights, there was little of the tension agreement with the Histodrut in would cost millions of shekels and harm the farmers the ministry is and crowding in the terminal that 1996, without assuring any way of paying for it.

The subject of pension funds should be considered during a special cabinet meeting, Neeman said. had been felt during previous strikes. The strike cost local government

The nation's schools were almost an estimated NIS 56 million, accordcompletely shut down, an Education ing to the Union of Local Ministry spokesman said. In kindergartens and elementary schools belonging to the state-religious sion that the strike had to end at 2 school system, morning prayers and two classes on religious subjects p.m. saved considerable additional were held as part of an agreement

Vermyahu. Airport following the end of the Peretz should stand trial for the strike was an El Al Boeing 747-400 worked out ahead of time. Haim Shapiro and Aryeh Dean damage he has inflicted on the econ- to Kiev, filled with Bratslav Cohen contributed to this report.

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Marting the state of the state The state of the s Since its founding 52 years ago the Arab League has maintained a delicate semblance of unity within the main right apply a sea of conflicting interests. The The state of the ball and his The state of the 2-4 and anomal and a state and a stat Palestinian issue has always been the lowest common denominator in the formulation of a joint declaration. The Arab foreign ministers' the state of the s conference in Cairo a week ago was no exception.

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The main issue was the economie conference scheduled for The manage of the state of the November in Doha, and the Palestinian demand to boycott it. as long as there is no progress in the peace process.

As a result of American pres-sure, the ministers avoided any official declaration on the Doha conference, and agreed to leave participation in it to the "sovereign decision of each Arab state." Supporting Yasser Arafat in his speech at the Cairo meeting the financially independent al-Quds said in an editorial the next day that the Arabs should not let Israel reap diplomatie and economic fruit without paying for it by adhering to its commitments according to the peace agreements. "Normalization in advance will give Israel all the benefits of peace before it reciprocates with Palestinian rights and returns Arab lands to their legitimate owners."

The newspaper called on the Arab-states to commit themselves Housing and hatred to national solidarity and ignore

The Arab foreign ministers' refusal to boycott the Doha conference in reaction to Israel's measures against the Palestinians was expected, Fayez Rashid wrote in al-Quds. Listing the familiar Israel "No" to the Palestinian demands for statehood, Rashid suggested that Israel should not be given the opportunity to play a role in the politics of the region, as it had done during the previous Middle East economic conferences in Casablauca, Cairo and Amman.

A cartoon in al-Quds found an original way to express its opinion on the value of the foreign ministers' decision. It showed the words "freedom of participation" on the naked behinds of two Arabs who read the document published after the meeting.

The absence of a unified Arab position towards the peace negoti-ations enabled Israel to sow dissension among the Arab states, according to Ashraf al-Ajrami in the semi-official al-Ayyam. After each crisis in the peace negotiations the Palestinians have failed to unite the Arabs behind their case. "Arab leaders usually blaine Israel for the repeated stalemate in lated their words into a coordinated action against Israel."

#### in praise of Azira Shamalya

The identification of 4 out of the 5 suicide bombers involved in the last two suicide attacks in

Jerusalem was another focus of the Palestinian newspapers. One aspect was the long and detailed news items and feature stories on the home village of the four, Azira Shamalya, north of Nabius. The newspapers described the current experience of the village under tight closure and the reactions of the families involved, as well as stories

By MICHAL SELA

about the history of the place. The official al-Hayat al-Jadida, for example, described in a long story the role of the village in the Palestinian national struggle throughout the 20th century, the special emphasis its residents have put on education and its reputation

for producing high quality olive oil. The issue also occupied the opinion pages. Commenting on Israel's success in identifying the four, al-Quds' editorial rejected any violence and bloodshed, "but at the same time, collective punish-ment serves neither peace nor secu-rity and stability." The identification is not the end of the story, the tragic incidents are only the tip of the iceberg, the result of continued Palestinian suffering. "The only guarantee of security and stability, which Israel so much desires, is to provide the Palestinians with their legitimate rights."

The recent row over Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's conspicuous delight at widespread settlement housing construction covered all the front pages. "The time has come for the US to understand that the continuation of this policy might bring hell, war and bloodshed to the region to satisfy the radical Israeli right-wing," according to another al-Quds editorial. This Israeli policy threatens not only the peoples of the region but world interests.

The cartoonist Khalil Abu Arafat in al-Ouds described Netanyahn as a Soviet-like general, decorated with one big medal: a house.

#### Visiting hours posted

Given the bad communication infrastructure and complicated relationship with the Israeli military government, the Palestinian newspapers also serve as a public bulletin board. The most important information in such sections of the Palestinian papers is a list of arrests and prison visiting

Due to the recent intensive security activity against suspected terrorist cells, al-Hayat al-Jadida this week published a long list of Palestinians arrested and detained by Israel. It also included the names of Palestinians who were moved from one prison to anoth-

er. These lists are usually prepared with the help of Israeli lawyers, who have easier access to the Israeli military authorities.

## Peace activists boycott settlements' goods

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Under the slogan "A sheke! spent on settlements is a shekel against peace," the Gush Shalom peace movement yesterday launched a campaign urging the public to refrain from buying products made in settlements.

Spokesman Adam Keller said the group had approached the European Union and other countries urging them to support the peace process by boycotting these products. At a press conference yesterday,

the group released a list of products ranging from foods, wines, metal doors, and furniture and next to each the name of the settlement it was made in. Keller said the boycott included products made in settlements in Judea, Samaria, Gaza, and the Golan Heights.

Settlements are a provocation that are leading us towards war," said Gush Shalom leader Uni Avneri, adding: "We are offering the people of Israel a means of defense."

The campaign, said Keller, will include updating a list that will be handed out to shoppers outside supermarkets, asking them to refrain from buying the goods. In addition, an Internet site set up last week has already drawn scores of "surfers."

Keller said the movement's youth started investigating prodacts made in the settlements several months ago. The campaign was lannched now because of pre-Rosh Hashana shopping.

"We hope people who see our list will think twice before buying a product from one of the settle-

The movement has also requested from the European Community to clarify whether goods labeled "made in Israel" are really produced in areas outside Israel's

internationally recognized borders. During a recent trip to Europe. Keller said he had met with many people who declared all Israeli goods should be boycotted.

"I think this would be a mistake and I told them so. I believe that if people decide not to buy goods made in the settlements it will be

"A large portion of the thousands of flowers sent to Britain to mark Princess Diana's death were grown in the Gush Katif settlements in the Gaza Strip. Europeans have no idea where these products are grown," Avneri said.

The movement's name, peace bloc, is a very appropriate name on the eve of the High Holy Days, when a group of Jews campaigns to boycott other Jews," said Yehudit Tayar, spokeswoman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza last night.

## When it pays to say you're sorry

66 T'm sorry," Labor Party leader Ehud Barak told the Lcountry's Sephardim last week, very much in the pre-High

Holy Day penitential sprit.

"In my name, and in the name of the leadership of the Labor Party throughout the generations, I ask forgiveness," the would-be prime minister said in an act of contrition that caught the nation by surprise.

The Labor movement was responsible for the establishment of the state, and this involved the uprooting of entire communities from North Africa and Arab countries, who were then dispersed in tent camps, and later in development towns and moshavim," Barak said.

"I find it very important to loudly say today that their pioneering contribution was enormous. In the course of the uprooting, there were many indignities done to families, and deep scars remain in the memories people associate with the Labor Party. For the pain and burnan suffering caused, I apologize."

The words generated a wide range of response - from appreciation (mostly among Sephardi Labor supporters), to cynicism and amusement (mostly among Ashkenazi Likud supporters), to demands for actions to back up the words (most-

ly from Sephardi Shas activists). It is, indeed, a wonderful thing to hear apologies for real indignities even those committed nearly 50 vears ago in the midst of a gargantuan struggle to create a state against enormous odds. But the wonder would have been greater had the apology not been uttered as part of a well-planned campaign to win over Sephandim and the religious - sectors of the voting public who traditionally spurn Labor.

The apology would have seemed much more sincere had a Labor leader uttered it, for instance, while already in the prime minister's office, and not while engaged in a messy battle to capture it.

The apology came in the same week Barak met with the editors of the haredi weekly Yated Ne'eman. in an apparent attempt to create a less anti-religious image for Labor. And the apology came just a few days before Labor was to hold its

party convention in Netivot, an eco-

nomically depressed development



Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak speaks with his predecessor Shimon Peres at yesterday's convention in Netivot. (Ban Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

town in the Negev whose residents complain bitterly of just the types of indignities . Barak apologized for. Netivot voted overwhelmingly for Binyamin Netanyahu in the previous election - exactly the reason it was chosen for the Labor convention. Barak, through a series of high-profile symbolic acts, is trying to cut in on the Likud turf. Holding the convention in Netivot is one way; the apology is another.

These moves are necessary if Labor is to win the next election. Although Netanyahu beat Shimon Peres by less than one percent, he out-polled him by more than 11% among the Jewish voters. Barak is going to have to do much better

make inroads, even small ones, into the Sephardi and haredi camps.

The apology is a win-win move for Barak. Those Sephardim who won't accept it would not vote for Barak in any case. However, the apology just might strike the right nerve for those Sephardim unhappy with Neumyahu's performance, but who - because of deep-seated anti-Labor sentiments - are reluctant to cast a Labor ballot.

Sephardi anger and resentment are real. Nothing is a better indicator of this than the growing strength of Shas, which has gone from four seats in the 1984 elections to 10 in the 1996 voting. This growth is even more impressive considering among the Jews if he bopes to beat that it took place during a time responsible for any of the wrongdo-Netarryahu. One way to do this is to when the party was hit by numerous ings he apologized for. Although

allegations of malfeasance. One MK, Yair Levy, has already served time for fraud, and another, party head Aryeh Deri, is comeshed in a seemingly endless fraud trial.

Yet the power of Shas grows precisely because it plays on Sephardi pride and resentment. That resentment, whether justified or not, is there, it exists. Barak is trying to defuse it by saying, in a very Bill Clintonese marrier. "I understand

your anger, I recognize your pain." Barak's "I'm sorry" is a no-risk proposition on a personal level as well, since he is in no way incriminating himself. Co-opted into Labor two years ago by then prime minis-ter Yitzhak Rabin, he cannot be held

asking forgiveness is never easy, it is less difficult when apologizing for wrongs committed by someone else. Which is exactly what Barak did.

Votes are obviously not cast on the basis of one public pronouncement, or even one policy decision, but rather on the basis of accumulated impressions. Words create these impressions, and erase others. Barak is hoping that his carefully-chosen phrases will erase the long-standing notion among many Sephardim that the Labor Party is the bastion of an "arrogant," Ashkenazi power elite an elite, ironically, epitomized by Barak himself.

Barak, through his apology, is saying to the Sephardim: I am different. Now he has two years to convince

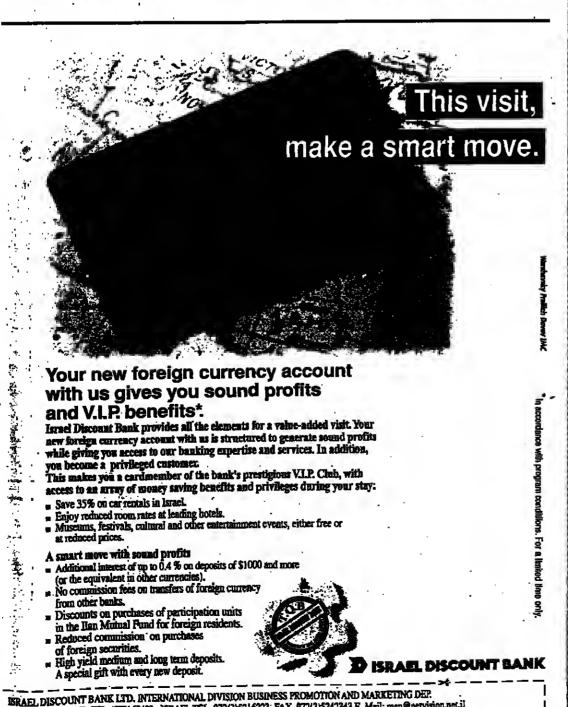
## Those who live by the sword, die by the sword.

Most of the media and many world politicians forget that Israel was born by the sword. We forget about the Hagana, the Stern Gang and the Irgun. What we should remember is that the British Government had a very difficult time trying to control these organizations. Even the members of these organizations did not know the identity of the members of the other organizations and possibly even their own members. Certainly, the British did not know their identities. The Arabs probably learned from the actions of these Jewish groups. Can anyone forget the bombing of the King David Hotel? Why does anyone expect the current Palestinian Government to be able to control its population's actions any better? Can Arafat be expected to be any better than the British or than the less militant groups such as the Hagana? Can anvone expect different behavior from the Palestinians until they get their own sovereign country?

What can Israelis expect from a people that is kept in subjugation? The basic human rights of close to one million people, and the four freedoms the United States promised the whole world are being denied. Arabs are killed and maimed. Their property and ability to earn a living are also being taken away. They are expected to be docile. But, how can anyone be docile if he has no hope for the future? Israel's present actions towards the Arabs are similar to the actions carried out against the Jews during centuries of persecution, as in czarist Russia.

If a person's mother, brother, father or any other close relative were killed or even imprisoned, would not that person want revenge? Each one of Israel's actions provokes a reaction. Look at Bosnia, where even after generations people have not forgotten about retribution. And the more Israel takes action, the more people will hate and try to seek revenge. How can any Arab government - even Yasser Arafat's - be expected to control these individuals, who are without hope? Jews could not control their own underground, nor could England. England, and especially Ireland, cannot control the IRA, nor does anyone expect it to. Why then should anyone expect an Arab government to maintain control?

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Histadrut staffers man the phones at strike headquarters yesterday.

### General strike is a boon to the malls

#### By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

"Do you want to send a fax. sweetie?" Galit Zvi joked, intercepting her daughter Shaked, as the three-year-old made her way across the office towards the fax machine. Zvi, a Herzliya secretary, had brought her daughter to the office because the Histadrut general strike shut down her daughter's WiZO day care center.

lem; he could watch Shaked," said Zvi. "But he doesn't anymore, so we're just stuck."

The strike affected the lives of families around the country yesterday moming, as parents scrambled to figure out how to care for their children while teachers struck.

In several cases, like Zvi's, parents were forced into a near-impossible situation, and they did oot "My husband used to work for appreciate it. "This is not the way Bank Hapoalim, so when there was to solve a work dispute," said Zvi.

"It doesn't matter what their demands are; they should work them out in negotiations, not through strikes like this which make everyone's lives difficult."

Many parents, who were striking themselves, packed up their home-bound kids and headed to shopping malls for pre-holiday buying sprees. Hana Levy, a teacher from Petah Tikva, brought her daughter, Yael, 2, to the Sharona Mall in Kfar Sava. "I'm not particularly in favor of

striking as a bargaining tactic,"

A nnie Gedali, a salesclerk in the same mall, said, "We've had a triple

whammy.... First the holidays coming up, then the strike, and finally. the first rain of the season happening today, so parents can't take their kids to the park. Yes, business is

no reason the children should suffer

... But ... as long as 1'm striking, 1 might as well take advantage of it

and have a pleasant day at the mall

with my daughter."

## Peled blasted for considering random drug tests in schools

#### By ARYEN DEAN COHEN

A suggestion hy Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled to conduct random urine tests on pupils to identify drug users was lasted yesterday by the Knesset Education Committee and the National Council for the Child.

Peled told committee members that the idea of conducting the tests came to him from pupils concerned about protecting themselves against other pupils they know who are drug users.

Peled said that it had been found that such testing was illegal, but he added that if pupils requested it and parents agreed, he supported the idea, if only as a

"Drug testing of pupils is what we'd expect in totalitarian states," committee chairman MK Emanuel Zissman responded. "The State of Israel, which is a democratic state which protects the rights of its citizens will in no way agree to undermining them, including the rights of pupils.

"Even the police don't conduct urine tests on pupils suspected of taking drugs. So we should start conducting them on pupils, most of whom do oot use them and aren't suspected of doing so?

This simply makes no sense. We will reject any attempt to interfere with the pupils and their

rights. It's disturbing that [Peled] thinks that we should carry out such testing, if such a thing were possible, and we will see to it that this remains in the realm of his own opinion."

MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) said that "someomes there is a dilemma between the individual's rights, and the public's right to defend itself against dangers. We must fight the drug scourge, and there are many ways to do so, not

oecessarily urine tests."

Moshe Sheinfeld of the
National Parents Association said that instead of urine tests, the Educatioo Ministry should increase the budget for fighting

drug use among pupils.
"The Education Ministry's hudget for fighdog drugs not only wasn't increased, but cut. Twothirds of the counselors were fired, and NIS 8 million cut," he said

In any event, Sheinfeld said parents would not agree to such

Oded Coheo, chairman of the National Studeot and Youth Council, said that he was glad the idea had come from pupils interested in fighting drug use, "but this is a long way from a wideranging order to carry out tests on all the pupils."

Renven Goldschmidt, chief medical officer in the Internal Security Ministry, said that experience showed that enforced testiog wasn't useful in stopping drug use, "since the problematic individuals manage to avoid it."

Meanwhile a spokesman for the National Council for the Child noted that the UN charter oo children's rights, to which Israel is a signator, states clearly that oo child will be subjected to arbitrary invasions of his or her privacy, and illegal damage to his reputation, a spokesman for the National Council for the Child wrote in response to

Peled's idea. "Such tests are illegal and violate the pupils' right to privacy and respect, and arhitrarily and completely besmirch the reputations of pupils who have nothing to do with drugs. We seriously doubt this suggestion would stand up in the High Court of Justice," the spokesman wrote.

There is certainly no justification for conducting regular urine testing of iodividuals hased on a simple list of names without any real reason to suspect those being tested, the council spokesman

"No one in a democratic country would consider conducting arhitrary urine testing among adults, such as Education Ministry workers."

## Sanitary conditions in government hospitals threaten patients' health

#### By JUDY SIEGEL

Patients in government hospitals face the growing risk of infections from a deteriorating sanitary condition due to the strike by cleaning workers, which will continue today.

Maintenance, administrative and technical staff in the state hospituls, are protesting against 1,500 unmanned job slots. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza said he opposed seeking back-to-work orders against the state hospital workers and demanded that the Treasury enter immediate negotiations.

"It is unthinkable that in such a serious situation with real danger to patients, the Treasury should again take the authority and run away from responsibility," he said. Minimal services by the administrative and maintenance workers have resulted in

the cancellation of all but emergency

operations, halted the supply of clean laundry and reduced food services in the wards. Garbage is heaping up and toilets

In Safed, Sieff Hospital director Dr.

Kalin Shapira said that the ourses are trying to alleviate the patients' suffering.
Only intensive care, emergency, dialysis, neonatal, oncology, delivery and cardiology departments are functioning at close-to-normal capacities.

Meanwhile, day hospitals and all diagnostic institutes in Jerusalem- and Tel Aviv-area hospitals will be shut down today as part of sanctions hy the Israel Medical Association, The doctors are striking because the Treasury has failed to implement an agreement it signed last March to increase the number of doctors' job slots by 360 over the next four years. The doctors' strike has entered its third

week. Hadassah-University hospitals in Ein

Kerem and Mt. Scopus, Shaare Zedek and Bikur Holim hospitals in Jerusalem, Josephthal in Eilat, Barzilai in Ashkelon and Soroka in Beersheba are affected today, along with Ichilov in Tel Aviv, Wolfson in Holon, Assaf Harofeh in Tzrifin, Kaplan in Rehovot and the Shmuel Harofeh geriatric hospital in Be'er Ya'acov,

The closed institutes include cardiology, radiology, catheterization, gastro, genetics, electrophysiology of the eye, ERG, EMG and EEG, Only emergency treatments will be performed today in these hospitals,

"Minister Matza said he supports the administrative and maintenance workers [in the state hospitals], and I welcome that. When he starts identifying with the doctors and professors, let him inform us," said IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar. "In the meantime, there is no contact between us and the ministry."

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#### By MARILYN HENRY

Senate opposition to the TAAS-Israel lodustries export of thousands of assault weapoos to the US mounted over the weekend, when 30 senators asked President Bill Clinton to block the deal, The Los Angeles Times

reported yesterday. The sale of Uzis and Galils. which were modified to meet American requirements, had been approved by the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tohacco, and Firearms. However, led by Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the senators sent Clinton a letter urging him to use his executive authority "to prevent this transfer of arms to American streets on hehalf of public safety," the

Times reported. The weapons are becoming the test case of a 1994 American law barring assault weapons. "This is exactly what we feared when we were writing the law - that manufacturers would make modificadons to their weapons... so that the law would have no pracocal effect," said Sen. Robert Torricelli, of New Jersey.

'Israel pays a lot of attention to the mood and atmosphere on Capitol Hill and, of course, we expressed by such a respected group of senators," an Israeli spokesman in Washington said. Feinstein has said that Israel is not-being singled out, and that suspeosions may be considered against more than a dozen other countries that possibly export these "copycat assault weapons" to the US, the newspaper reported. Although American gun manufacturers also produce copycai assault weapons. Feinstein said she is focusing oo imported weapons because the president

has broader authority to act The National Rifle Association, a powerful lohhy, opposes any restrictions on assault weapons. Torricelli, Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, Edward

Kennedy of Massachusetts, and Richard Durbin of Illinois were among those signing the letter.



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Rock singer Bob Dylan (left) walks past Pope John Paul II after performing in front of him during an open-air concert in Bologna on Saturday night.

## Bob Dylan, pope at concert made in heaven

BOLOGNA, Italy (Reuters) – For many of the young people in the crowd of some 300,000, it was a concert made in heaven. Their spiritual leader, Pope John

Paul, and their musical idol, Bob Dylan, were on the same stage at a Roman Catholic youth rally in the northern city of Bologna on Saturday night.

The aging rocker and the aging Cathelic pontiff - whose church once branded rock music a child of the devil - shared the spotlight and the sound system. Dylan sang two songs before the pope as part of a concert that included a number of other, mostly Italian artists. The 56-year-old Dylan opened his three-song set with "Knocking

on Heaven's Door," a line of which says: "It's getting dark, too dark to see. I feel I'm knocking on heaven's door," The second song Dylan sang

before the pope was his 1960s anti-war elassic, "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall."

The pope, who spent the 1960s as a young bishop fighting communism in Poland and writing his own poems about freedom, looked at times bemused by Dylan's performance, delivered in his nasal twang and backed up by a hard driving rock group.

After singing the two signature songs, Dylan, wearing a black suit with white trim and beige cowboy hat, then walked up to a podium

where the pope rose to greet him. Dylan took off his cowboy hat, bowed his head before the leader of the world's 960 million Roman Catholics, and the two exchanged words briefly. Dylan elosed his part of the show with "Forever Young," an inspirational song of hope and courage.

The pope earlier quoted lines from what is perhaps Dylan's most famous song, "Blowing in the Wind," Looking well and happy, the pope told a rapturous crowd of young Italian Catholics that the answer was indeed "in the wind" - but not in the wind that blew things away, rather "in the wind of the spirit" that would lead

## 14 dead, 30 hospitalized in Indonesian earthquake

By GEOFF SPENCER

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - An earthquake with a preliminary magnimde of 6 shook the Indonesian island of Sulawesi yesterday, killing 14 people and seriously injuring 30, police said.

The Meteorological and Geophysics Agency said the quake, centered 20 kilometers north of the coastal town of Pare Pare in South Sulawesi province, hit at 8:30 a.m. Officials said 30 houses and buildings were flattened and hundreds were damaged in the town of Pare Pare, 1,400 km. northeast of

reported killed in Pare Pare, while six died in surrounding villages. State broadcaster TVRI also

reported a death toll of 14. The quake was the latest in a series of calamities to hit Indonesia. On Friday, a jetliner crashed on the island of Sumatra,

killing all 234 aboard. Hundreds of wildfires across the country have produced a choking smoke haze that blankets much of Southeast Asia.

century has brought famine and disease to some parts, Most of the dead and injured where hit by falling masonry from crumbling houses and buildings,

police Lt. Pine Peden said. Witnesses said the quake shook the town for about five seconds. Everyone panicked when they felt

the quake. They ran from their homes," Peden said. Another police officer said many residents feared aftershocks and were too afraid to return to their homes, mainly one or two-story high and built of brick and con-

"Many homes have large cracks And the worst drought in half a in their walls. People fear they will fall down," he said.
One local hospital building was

also structurally damaged. "The earthquake panicked all the patients. Some patients managed to

walk outside to safety. Others were wheeled out on trolleys," said a nurse at Fatimah Hospital, one of two main medical centers in Pare Pare, a busy local port with a population of about 100,000.

Indonesia is prone to seismic upheavals, as it is situated on the so-called Pacific "Ring of Fire" that stretches from North America. across the North Pacific, through Japan and Southeast Asia to New

Several earthquakes with magnitudes of 5 or more have shaken various remote locations in Indonesia over the past few weeks. But none resulted in casualties or major dam-

## 13 Kurdish rebels reported killed in Iraq

ANKARA (AP) - An Iraqi Kurdish group, allied with Turkish soldiers, said yesterday it was fighting Turkish Kurdish rebels in 12 separate fronts and elaimed

killing 13 rebels in recent elashes. The radio of Kurdistan Democratic Party, or KDP, monitored by Turkey's Anatolia news agency, said 10 other rebels had been injured in clashes in areas along the border with Turkey. The radio gave no KDP casualty

figures.
Some 16,000 Turkish troops are involved in a military operation against autonomy-seeking rebels of the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK. The offensive to destroy camps guerrilla camps in northern

Iraq began a week ago.
The KDP has recently sided with the Turkish army against the PKK. The daily Hurriyer said yesterday that Turkish troops continued combing through suspected PKK shelters following bomb raids on the sites by Turkish warplanes last

· A military official said 138 rebels had been killed by Turkish troops so far. He put Turkish military casualties at six dead. The official declined to give further details. Turkish incursions into Iraq have

become common in the last two

Military officials have elaimed success each time, but it has been a matter of time before the rebels have returned to the bases and a new offensive has been launched.

The rebels launch cross-border attacks at Turkish targets from bases in northern Iraq, an area which has been out of Iraqi govern-ment control since the Gulf war. It is under the protection of US-led allied jets.

Rival Iraqi Kurdish groups have vied for control in the power vacu-

### China tests anti-radar missile

By JANE MACARTNEY

BEIJING (Renters) - China said yesterday it has successfully tested a oew type of loog-range ground-to-air missile capable of evading radar detection.

In a sign of the importance of the military advance, state media said the tests at a secret desert air force site were attended by Depoty Chief of Geoeral Staff Lt.-Gen. Qian Shugen, Deputy Director of the General Political Department Lt.-Geo. Tan Tianbao, and Zhou Youliang, depoty director of the General Logistics Department.

The three officers praised the successful testing of the new high-speed missile "capable of evading electronic interference," the Liberarion Army Doily said vesterday.

"This marks the raising of China's air defense ability to a oew level," the newspaper said. It gave oo more details of the

place io the vast expanse of Xinjiang regioo.

China's military has in recent years tried to accelerate development of its high-tech weaponry after it was sbocked by the devastatiog loog-range firepower and cruise missiles deployed by the US io the 1991 Gulf war. As part of the drive to develop

a more high-tech defense capability, troops were oow using more sophisticated simulation equipment to improve the level of traiolog, the newspaper

The army is also focusing on developing new missiles which could be used at both low and high altitudes and over loog distances, and are able to pinpoint small targets at high speed, it

China has unsettled many of its Asian neighbors in recent years with its efforts to modernize a

of China's military testing takes weaponry, inadequate training, and poor maintenance. It has desert in its oorthwestern shopped overseas for more advanced arms, while trying to opgrade its domestie arseoal.

Beijing has shown a willingoess to demonstrate that firepower, for example during war games and missile tests of Taiwan last year. Communist Party chief, state

president, and army commanderin-chief Jiang Zemin this month announced plans to slash the three-million strong People's Liberation Army, the largest army in the world, by 500,000 and to focus on modernizing.

Military analysts say China has a long way to go to modernize its army, with pockets of excellence in a mainly backward defense

They say Beijing's latest drive is to opgrade its weak electronics systems, to avoid bringing oew weaponry from overseas into an obsolete communications sys-

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secret police, or only the two

guys who took Kikhia from his hotel," the Post quoted one of its

sources as saying. "But the

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that there was Egyptian involve-

Gaddafi has denied that Libya

was involved in Kikhia's kid-

napping or detention, blaming

ment in his abdoction."

#### **India starts** producing missiles

NEW DELHI (AP) - India has started producing medium-range Prithvi missiles, though it has yet to deploy them along its border with longtime rival Pakistan, Press Trust of India news agency said yester-

The surface-to-surface missiles can strike a target up to 150 kilometers, PTI quoted A.O.J. Abdul Kalam, the Indian Defense Ministry's scientific adviser, as

Pakistan has warned India it would forge ahead with its indigenous weapons production if India deploys the missiles along the bor-

The US also has expressed concems about India's missile and nuclear programs.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since they gained independence from Britain in 1947. The US is concerned about a

nuclear arms race in the region. Both India and Pakistan are nuclear capable, but they say they don't have atomic arsenals. Kalam told scientists from state-

owned Defense Research and Development Organization in New Delhi that short-range missiles and an anti-tank missile would be inducted into the military next year. Addressing the scientists, Prime Minister Inder Kumar Guiral said some powerful countries were denying India sophisticated technology in the defense field and urged the Indian scientists to take

up the challenge. Without naming the US, Gujral said Russia was pressured in the recent past to deny India space

technology .
This is where the challenge lies. We have to achieve self-reliance so that we can feel more secure and

the CIA and Libyan exile proud," Gujral said.

### **Swiss endorse state** distribution of heroin

By BALZ BRUPPACHER

BERN, Switzerland (AP) - Swiss. voters yesterday overwhelmingly endorsed their government's liberal drug policies, including the controversial - but seemingly successful state distribution of heroin to hardened addicts.

A proposal "Yonth Without Drugs," which would have elamped down on the use of drugs, was rejected in a referendum by a much clearer majority than had been expected. With results from more than half of Switzerland's 26 cantons counted by mid-afternoon. there was not one canton in favor of the restrictive policy. For a proposal to be passed, there has to be a majority of cantons and of voters in favor. Early exit polls published by Swiss television predicted that 70 percent of the electorate would

reject the proposals. The Health Ministry amounced it would try to put state distribution of heroin to hardened addicts on a permanent legal footing. Until now, the supply of heroin to some 1,100 fficts was on an experimental basis. "We will propose a change in the parcotics legislation to the cabinet as soon as possible." Health istry director Thomas Zeltner told Swiss radio.

Gritics of the government's policy said they would continue to fight against any liberalization.
The "Youth Without Drugs"initiative was drafted by mainly right-wing groups which collected the

force a referendum under Swiss

ary 100,000 signatures to

.Condemning Switzerland as the "drug island of Europe," advocates of more restrictions argued that the liberal approach encouraged young people to experiment with narcotics and get hooked.

The government urged voters to say "no" to the proposed clampdown, saying it was "unrealistic, unsuitable, and ineffective." Mainstream church groups, trade unions, police representatives, and the majority of medical and youth workers backed the government.
Switzerland, which has an esti-

mated 30,000 addicts, is well known for its relaxed attitude to drugs. Free needle exchange programs to pre-vent the spread of the AIDS virus among injecting junkies are routine. In 1995, authorities closed a noto-

rious open drug scene in Zurich. But the police clampdown was accom-panied by an increase in local-level arrangements for addicts, including more provision of the heroin substimte methadone. Most controversial of all was the government, experiment to supply

hardened addicts, who had rejected all forms of therapy, with daily doses of heroin at a nominal price. Results of the three-year experiment released in July showed a big drop in crime among the 1,100 junkies on the program, a huge improvement in their health and an

housing and jobs. A yes-vote would have forced an end to all heroin and methadone programs and cut state-backed counseling programs for addicts.

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### Report: CIA has evidence that Egyptians staged 1993 abduction of Libyan dissident

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Central Intelligence Agency has developed convincing evidence that Egyptian agents staged the 1993 abdoesion of a Libyan dissident subsequently turned over to the Libyan regime, The

Washington Post reported. Quoting unidentified US officials, the newspaper said in yesterday's editions that the CIA told President Bill Clinton's administratioo this summer that it had confirmed, after a fouryear investigation, that the dissident, Mansonr Kikhia, was taken to Libya and executed by the government of Col. Muammar Gaddafi.

Kikhia's wife is a US citizen. Her busband was a former Libyan diplomat who had lived in the US for 13 years and was four months away from becoming a US citizen when he was kidnapped.

The Post said the reported participation in the abduction by Egypt bas roiled relations between Washingtoo and the government of President Hosni Mubarak, although the Clinton administration has resisted speaking poblicly about the State Department spokes-

other senior US officials demanded privately this month of the regime.

He disappeared from a Cairo

publicly.

#### likewise would not comment. Department spokesman James "It is bard to fix exactly where Rubin confirmed that during the Egyptian responsibility lies. coorse of its investigation, the

department received "eredible

information this summer that

Mr. Kikhia was murdered by the

Libyan governmeot." But he

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other aspects of its report, as did

national security adviser Sandy

Berger and CIA Director George

It said the Egyptian Embassy

J. Tenet, the Post said.

woman Julie Reside said Saturday she bad no information about the report. Vice President Al Gore and

that Mubarak order an investigation into the Egyptian role in Kikhia's abduction, the Post said. It qooted an unnamed offieial as saying prior requests to Mubarak for information, beginning in 1993, produced only "some ecoperation." Kikhia, who defected to the US in 1980, served as Gaddafi's foreign minister and ambassador to the UN before turning into a sharp critic

hotel on December 10, 1993. The Post said the US investigation concluded that Kikhia was taken to Libya immediately and killed in early 1994. The newspaper said US offi-

cials interviewed over a 10-day period were reluctant to discuss Kikhia's fate because of the extremely sensitive intelligence involved and because of sensinivity over criffeizing Egypt

The Post said State

#### **Concerning the Bill for Religious Censorship** In defense of a bill for religious censorship in Israel, Knesset members and others have

described the Messianic Jewish community in Israel as traitors who work for the destruction of the Jewish people, emissaries of malevolent foreign forces. We do not recognize ourselves in these dark descriptions.

• We Messianic Jews are Jewish and love to be so. We celebrate all the Jewish feasts with relish and willingly identify with our people - their history of suffering and triumph, their present struggle and their great hopes. We love the Tenach and read it with religious fervour. We are Jews and intend to remain such, regardless of the fervency of some in the nation who seek to deny us the right to do so.

• Our faith is as sincere as is the unbelief of our detractors. We believe as we do, because we have been convinced to do so by the Tenach. We pay taxes and serve in the IDF with enthusiasm (which is more than can be said of some of our detractors). Of course we're not perfect! At times we act in a manner unworthy of our faith in the Messiah. But we have chosen to live in Israel because we love our people and intend to be a part of their future in every sense. We believe that the resurrection of Jewish nationhood in its own land is a gracious act of God, and we want to have a part in that act.

● Yes, we openly profess faith in Yeshua as the Messiah of Israel and we do not submit to the spiritual leadership of the rabbis. Yeshua is our Chief Rabbi, our Spiritual Leader. We accept the New Testament as the continuation of the Torah and of the words of the Prophets. These opinions are born out of conviction and an honest appraisal of the

We call upon our nation to consider seriously the truth of our claims. This is not conversion to another religion (hamarat dat) but the courage to stop, assess and reconsider one's religious opinion (dey-ah-datit). Jews have always dared to swim against the stream and follow their honest convictions regardless of the consequences.

We call upon our nation to allow in Israel freedom of religious expression, and not to try to muzzle us by establishing a religious censorship. We will not allow ourselves to be silenced. By the grace of God, we will continue to believe and to speak as we do despite any sanctions, which threaten the democratic nature of our State.

A Jewish State - yesl. But a State that is both Jewish and democratic, brave enough not to forbid others the right to express their opinions openly. A brave, Jewish and democratic State, not a State subject to the Halacha.

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**Beersheba Municipality** In connection with the National Infrastructure Ministry Sewerage Infrastructure Authority

Planning, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Two Sewage Treatment installations for a 25-Year Period.

Tender 20/97

1. The Beersheba Municipality invites bids for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of two sewage treatment installations for a period of 25 years, one in the eastern part of the city and the other in the western - according to the conditions detailed in the trader degree of the conditions.

and the other in the western - according to the continuous detailed in the tender documents.

2. The tender documents can be obtained at the Municipality offices during regular office hours, starting Thursdey, October 9, 1997 at 12 noon, upon payment of a bank check made out to the Municipality for NIS 15,000 (non-refundable).

3. Eligible to participate in the tender are experienced bidders who meet the requirements and criteria set forth in the tender documents.

4. A tour for purchasers of the tender documents will be held on Monday, November 30, 1997 leaving the office of the Municipal Engineer at 10:30 a.m.

November 30, 1997 leaving the unice of the state of 10:30 am.

5. Bids should be submitted, together with a bank guarantee for NIS 5,000,000 (NIS 5 million) as required by the tender documents, after a prior payment to the Municipality of a bank draft for NIS 35,000 (non-retundable). The bids should be brought in person and placed in the tenders box in the Beersheba Municipality, Kikar Menachem Begin, Beersheba, by Thursday, Jamary 15, 1997 at 12 noon.

6. The Municipality does not undertake to accept the lowest or any bid.

David Bonfield,

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### A political apology

abor Party leader Ehud Barak's pre-Rosh Hashana apology to Jews from Arab countries who immigrated at the founding of the State - like all political apologies - is a strange animal. Personal and public morality are not equivalent, even in an ideal sense, so concepts borrowed from personal morality do not always translate successfully to the public sphere.

People normally apologize to each other for acts they personally committed; political apologies for historic sins are rarely, if ever, made by leaders who were directly responsible for the acts in question. The political apology might benefit its recipients, but it is at the expense of the place in history of previous generations.

In the case of Barak, the Labor Party, and the Sephardim, the effort to translate the personal to the political is particularly strained. Barak, first of all, is so new to the party which he leads that his apology on behalf of the Labor Party "over the generations" strikes many in his own party as presumptnous.

Second, the discrimination and paternalism that he is apologizing for was not a policy of the Labor Party, but a societal phenomenon of that time that may have been embodied by the Labor establishment, but was not limited to any political party.

Third, the fact that the apology is directed toward a population that is critical to Labor's electoral future renders its principal motive somewhat transparent;

However problematic the source and motivation of the apology may be, the claim that an apology to Sephardi immigrants is a worthless gimmick is itself misplaced.

Yes, the Sephardim were not the only group that the reigning ethos of the ideal Israeli ran roughshod over; Yiddish-speaking Holocaust survivors also found themselves falling short of the pioneering image of the "sabra." But the paternalism and cultural imperialism that confronted the Sephardi immigrants of the '50s was in a class of its own, and has left more lasting scars on a population which arrived here with high hopes and dreams.

To apologize for wrongs committed does not negate the sentiments expressed in response by Shimon Peres, that when he looks back at that period he is "filled with pride" at the party's accomplishments. On the other hand, an apology alone will not repair the alienation that Sephardim feel from the Labor party.

Labor's lack of support from Sephardim may

begin with the historic abrasion that Barak is seeking to heal, but today the gulf has as much to do with Labor's current perceived hostility to traditional Judaism and naivete about the Arab world. It is more than historic injustice that leaves so many Sephardim feeling out of place in the Labor Party.

If Barak's move turns out to be politically astute, it will be because he recognizes that a broad clash of values and lack of respect have kept Sephardim away from Labor. Even though many Sephardim will dismiss the apology as a shallow public relations stunt, many will also recognize an attempt to redress this deficit with

As Yosef Sariki, the Labor Party secretary in Netivot, where Labor officially adopted its apology resolutioo yesterday, said, "The party invested in roads - not in people." In other words, the previous Labor government's attempt to buy the Sephardi vote by investing in development towns did not work, because it did not address a sense of alienation at least as powerful as the sense of being left behind economically.

The approach of throwing money at Sephardim did not work because it was recognized as today's form of paternalism. In this respect, both parties are missing the boat, since neither has broken with the top-down, statist model of economic development that equates bailing-out bloated regional governments with helping people.

With his apology, Barak has gained the attention of Sephardim, if oot yet their trust or respect. To really turn the corner, Barak has to convince not just Sephardim but Israelis generally there is more to his attempt to take a page from Bill Clinton's ("New Democrat") and Tony Blair's ("New Labor") playbooks. Barak has clearly studied - with reason - those two leaders' successful campaigns to jettison the baggage they inherited from their party's electorally suicidal leftist bents. Clinton and Blair did it by deftly demonstrating that they were not captives of their parties' left flanks.

As rocky as Netanyahu's tenure has been, he will be a tougher opponent than the literally tired Bush and Major administrations that Clinton and Blair replaced.

Though Barak's apology (even at the expense of others) took a certain amount of guts, it is only a signpost towards the more substantial moves he will have to make to define himself in the public mind as a different sort of Labor

## The wrong tactic

#### YOSEF GOELL

Two weeks before last year's elections, Labor's candidate for the premiership, Shimon Peres, traveled especially to the Northern Negev development town of Netivot to obtain the blessing of one of the town's Moroccan-origin gurus, Baba Baruch. The Baba Baruch who has developed an impressive operation in that poverty and unemployment stricken

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"Moroccan" voters

township ever since he completed serving his sentence for fraud, delivered the hiessing. In the May 29 elections, Netivot's voters, the vast majority of whom are of North African extraction, proceeded to vote 88:11 percent for Netanyahu over Peres, and 30:4 percent for the Liked over Labor to the Knesset, with Shas getting the biggest vote. Ever since his defeat by the Likud's Menachem Begin in the 1977 elections, Peres has based his

electoral strategy on the axiom that Labor must go to extreme lengths to win the votes of the Sephardim (a missiomer for the immigrants from the Moslem countries) and the religious voters. Despite that strategy, he lost five out of five, with the overwhelming majority of religious and Sephardi voters shunning Labor.

Ehud Barak, who replaced Peres as Labor's leader only three months ago, is in the process of repeating Peres's basic mistakes. On Thursday, Barak came out with an apology in the name of the Labor Party and its Mapai and Alignment predecessors, to the "Sephardi immigrants from the Arab countries and from North Africa" and their descendants, begging forgiveoess for the neglect and ill-treatment they had gotten from the Labor establishments which ruled the country for its first three decades.

Yesterday, Barak also convened a session of the party's convention in Netivot, after first ensuring that it would publicly endorse his apology. Barak's approach is both mistaken and irresponsible in a man who is seeking to lead the nation. The crude electoral pitch in his ploy is too transparent to make it effective in winning back Moroccan" voters.

But his approach is also wrong because it is premised on a fallacious reading of the history of the 1950s and '60s. The giveaway to the elumsiness of the electoral pitch was Barak's resort to the redundancy of apologizing to the "immigrants from the Arab countries and from North Africa." The Jewish Diasporas of the Maghreb were of course part of that much larger ethnic grouping of Jews from the Arab and Moslem lands. Barak resorted to that redundancy because Labor's main electoral problem has been not so much with the Sephardim, in general, as in the case of the large community of immigrants from Iraq, but specifically with the descendants of the immigrants from Morocco.

THE period of mass immigration during Israel's first decade and a half was indeed a difficult one. It was difficult for the large number of DP camp Holocaust survivors who were the first to come in the wake of the successful War of Independence, for the Bulgarians, the Romanians, the Iraqis, the Yemenites, the Persians, and the Moroccans. It was also difficult for the absorbing "veteran" population, most of whom were in the country for less than a decade longer than the new immigrants, and who had to undergo a decade of extreme austerity and food rationing to accommodate the newcomers.

The Moroccans were indeed subject to neglect and prejudice but not more than any other of the

## **Dry Bones**

IN ALGERIA WHERE THOUSANDS OF ARABS HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERED IN AN ISLAMIC REIGN OF TERROR ..

FOLKS MUST BE REALLY TICKED OFF BY THE WORLD'S INSISTENCE THAT THE BIG STORY ...





immigrant groups. The especially tragic aspect of the Moroccan aliya as opposed to nearly all the others was that they had been abandoned by their own clites and natural leadership, nearly all of whom had migrated to France while sending the most poverty stricken and premodern members of their own communities to a dirt-poor Israel. They were thus less capable of fighting for their interests against the absorbing Israeli bureaucracy. which was largely made up of other new immigrants, including many from the Arab lands.

If there is any apology called for it may be for David Ben-Gurion's "inhuman cruelty" in insisting on the unrestricted and unselective aliya of all Jews even from the most primitive of countries, who were guaranteed to be in for an especially hard time in a fast modemizing Israel. I'm sure that neither Barak, nor his North African audiences really intend or want an apology for one of Ben-Gurion's greatest decisions.

Barak's pitch was also irrespon-sible because it adds fuel to the ethnic fires in the country. If there is any one social problem in Israel that is well on the way to disappearance it is the ethnic animosity between Sephardi and Ashkenazi Jews. These tensions were extreme until a decade and a half ago. And although professional ethnic politicians periodically attempt to fan those flames, there has been a vast improvement in this recent period.

Labor's early leadership was correct in fostering a sense of new nationhood and the forging of a new common culture. That is still the right direction to take instead of abetting nostalgia for our old separate Diaspora tribal cultures.

The writer comments on public

## Not just follow the leader

. .... PINHAS INBARI AND ZIV HELLMAN

Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat's hale enough to cootinue to lead the

Palestinians for a good few years. But one result of the space of coojectures surrounding Arafat's health was that it unleashed speculation over who would replace the aging chairman. This talk is interesting because of what it reveals about significant questions facing the Palestinian Authority.

The succession has been regarded by the media as if it were merely a personnel question. Various names have been trotted out as potential Arafat replacements - Mahmoud Abhas (Abu Mazen), Farouk Kaddoumi, Ahmed Qurie (Abu Ala). Faisal Husseini, Jibril Rajoub. Few noted that the real question facing Palestinian society is not who will replace Arafat but rather what - that is, will Arafat's replacement be a clone of his predecessor, or will a real change in the PA's governing culture occur? The current regime fails to meet the minimal criteria necessary for the sustained development of a properly

functioning democratic society. The Palestinian Elections Law, which was adopted by the PA shortly before the elections a year and a half ago, and which received currently Abu Mazen.

and leave you to your own space.

Conservatives went around pro-

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pomography, drugs, illegitimacy

and the like. Liberals stood for

self-expression and autonomy.

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Then came tobacco. Liberals,

who had developed a 30-year rep-

utation for being soft on drugs and

always looked down their noses at

any kind of prohibition, whether it

was alcohol in the '20s or abortion

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imminent demise now appear to the formal eodorsement of an If this happens, its significance have been exaggerated. He may international body of observers, will be that the source of legitimacy not be in perfect health, but on the contained explicit instructions for the next Palestinian regime will

the succession is to be effected.

According to its provisions, the Speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council - presently Abu Ala - is to automatically take over the duties of the chairman and prepare for new elections in the event the office is vacated. Today, Abu Ala is the main proponent for democratic reform. If he oversees the succession according to the Elections Law, the next Palestinian leadership will draw its legitimacy from the elected legislative council. Such an event would signify a new democratic

precedent in the Arab world. All of this looks wonderfully heart-warming on paper, but not everyone in the PA - or in Israel, it appears - is so enamored with the idea of a full democracy emerging in the Palestinian autonomy, least of all Arafat himself. According to Palestinian sources, Arafat recently initiated a "secret" amoudment to the law, establishing that the acting chairman upon Arafat's leaving office will not be the Speaker of the Legislative Council but rather the secretary-general of the PLO's executive committee,

not be the legislative council but the PLO, ensuring that the new regime will be similar to the current one not a responsible and formally structured entity modelled along Western lines, but a "revolutionary" and disorderly regime which will retard the democratic development

of Palestinian society. A constitutional test will take place this week, when the deadline runs out for the Legislative Council's demand that PA cabinet ministers accused of corruption be replaced. It is unlikely that the cabinet will accede to this demand. There is reason to suspect that Arafat is being supported in his moves to block the emergence of Palestinian democracy hy Israeli elements, who continue to believe that only a "strong man" at the Palestinian helm can effectively fight terrorism.

THE fact that Farouk Kaddoumi's name is suddenly being mendoned in the succession speculation is also interesting. The head of the PLO's political department has a reputation for dogmatism and opposing compromise with Israel. He has, however, revealed surprising opinions with regard to internal Palestinian reforms, and there are indications that he supports Abu Ala's constitutional challenges. When Raildowni was appointed

head of the Palestinian economic council PECDAR, he surprised many by openly confronting Arafat and endorsing Abu Ala's contentioo that the PA accept World Bank conditions of transparency and accountability with respect to donor funds.

Kaddowni's possible comeback has one additional significance - it could be a harbinger of increased Syrian involvement in the peace process. Kaddowni is the only high ranking PLO member connected to Syria, and some of his hard-line opinions reflect this. As long as Syria kept out of the peace process, Kaddoumi also maintained a low profile. His sudden reappearance among political gossips indicates that Syria is beginning to take an interest in the peace process.

The struggle over the Palestinian succession goes far beyond a conflict between individuals. It contains within it significant questions regarding the future of reforms in the PA as well as the interests of a number of nations in the region.

The writers are, respectively, director of research and senior researcher at the Institute for Peace Implementation, Jerusalem-based think-tank studying permanent status issues.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### PRIVATE MEDICAL CENTERS

Sir, - I read with great interest the medical needs of the public, Private hospital for public not only when disease strikes at health," (September 14) written by your respected journalist Ms. Siegel-Itzkovich. The article is entirely devoted to

the achievements of the Herzliya Medical Center, which apparently displosed the secret that "medicine is a business." It describes how this and the Haifa Medical Center, built with funds from South African investors," perform sophisticated procedures such as openheart surgery, ophthalmic laser therapy, CT scanning, run "American style" laboratories, etc..., and sell services also to "medical tourists." Unformmately, one important aspect is missing in this article - the fact that these centers don't provide

emergency services to the public.

All hospitals in Israel, whether owned by the government or by the health funds, are strictly supervised by the Ministry of Health for providing 24-hour emergency services, 365 days a year.

Sir. - In the early Sixties, I fre-

quented the home of the chief

rabbi of Israel. Rahhi Yitzhak

Nissim, for many a Shahbat kid-

dush, when he hosted guests from

abroad, usually Americans. His

standard comment to them was to

encourage them to come on aliya.

On one occasion when senator

With this most expensive dayand-night service we truly serve

Sir,' - For how much longer shall we use our children as cannon fodder in an endless war in Lebanon? For how much more time shall we cry at funerals for our fallen flowers in a more and more hopeless war?

**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH** 

We have been in Lebanon for more than 15 years, losing more than 1,200 of our best sons. In average nearly 100 a year. Several times we have even made "all-out wars" up there, but to no avail. Shortly afterwards we were back again to square one.

Our enemies have no respect for human lives. Their fallen boys are martyrs and their parents celebrate. All of Israel mourns every one of our fallen soldiers.

Enough is enough. Let us withdraw from Lehanon now, unilaterally if it cannot be otherwise. Let us admit it: We are in a quagmire up there, from which we soon will not be able to get out in honor.

BEN SCHALIMTZEK

There are many such people Jacob Javitz of New York came to among them Irving Moskowitz,

#### Bikur Holim Hospital

US JEWS wished him continued success in as a member of the US Senate.

night, hut also when enemies

strike suddenly and unexpectedly.

On the other hand, the private Herzliya and Haifa "Medical

Centers" are totally free from this

duty and they can choose for

themselves the services they are

giving. Of course, they choose

only services that are money-mak-

ers, "skimming" thereby, the very

thin layer of fat which may exist in

Unfortunately, our Health

Ministry is looking the other way

and licenses these "medical cen-

ters" without demanding from

them what it demands from all

other hospitals. This undoubtedly

worsens the bad financial situation

of those hospitals which give

exemplary day/night emergency

services to the citizens of Israel.

our hospital system.

#### Jerusalem.

Medical Director

PROF. SHLOMO STERN

celebrate his son's bar mitzva in Jerusalem, the Sephardi chief rabbi commented that he usually tried to encourage Jews to come on aliya, but in the case of senator Javitz, he his efforts for the people of Israel

who help Israel in ways that they could oot if they were based in Israel. We here should be careful about attacking involvement of American Jews in Israeli politics.

YONATAN BEN`ARI

#### FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On September 29, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that the government offered £10,000 reward to anyone who could offer information leading to the apprehension of murderers of Mr. L. being "eliminated" at the hands Andrews. Galilee District of the US, Israel and Jordan. Commissioner, and his escort. The Yishuv expressed shock and sincere condolences to Mr. Andrews family. The Farmers Federadon recalled the valuable services rendered by Mr. Andrews to the development of

25 years ago: On September 29, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that Egypt's President Anwar Sadat called on Palestinians to form a government in exile to stop them from

Arab states obstruct peace while Cairo and Beirut are terror centers, argued foreign minister Abba Eban in his address to the UN General Assembly.

French police sought a day had Japanese man and an Arab results. woman who were reported to

have offered Sima Lipavorsky, an Israeli woman, a \$200 bribe to take a parcel to Israel aboard an El Al plane.

The Uruguayan Government announced that an Arab "Black September" group was operating there and six explosive envelopes addressed to members of the local Jewish community had been intercepted.

Education minister Yigal Allon

said that the lengthened school day had not produced the desired

Alexander Zvielli

## The cult of the body

For a long time – from the counterculture of the 1960s unol, well, yesterday – it was pretty easy to tell conservafrom the Right: from libertarians, from free market conservatives. rives from liberals. Conservotives were the folks who told you how to live your personal life. Liberals were the ones who told govern-ment and everybody else to lay off and from traditionalists lamenting the state's forced extirpation of a venerable and private habit.

SO what happened to liberals? My theory is this: Liberals have watched, astonished, as for decades conserva-

**CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER** the body, their temple.

No concern about right behav-ior? Not us, say the liberals. We too believe in virtue. No smoking! And that's just for starters. We are going to teach your kids safe sex, take Alar off their apples, feed them yogurt and hroccoli for lunch, and, for the ride home, lash

in a political era demanding more public displays of plety and morality, liberals can now enthusiastically declare: We got religion too

tives thrived politically by showing concern for individual behavior. crime and polymorphous perversities that even Freud chuld not have imagined, all of a sudden After years of deriding conservative became caped crusaders. When it moralizing, liberals now are playing comes to smoking, they are catch-up. Hence, for example, their slavish, often comical, adoption of This seems odd. Liberals have the language of "family values."

Conservatives have made a political career out of showing concern for the soul. Liberals cannot quite bring themselves to support state regulation of the soul. So they have come up with their own alternative: not care for the soul, but care for the body. Health is their religion: your eternal soul but behaviors that

them to their safety seats in cars

with mandatory air bags.

Who says we don't care? Our motto: A healthy (multicultural) mind in a healthy body. Call it pagan if you like. We call it prudent. Now, if you have any doubts about the liberals' newfound religion, take in a sex education class at your kids' school. The hour is not devoted to biblical/Victorian/traditional morality. Sure, the kids are taught do's and don'ts. It's just that

the don'ts are not actions that damn

doom your precious body.

The core of the modern sexual code is disease prevention. The reason your little ones are taught the proper placement of a condom over a banana is to protect them from sexually transmitted dis-eases. With AIDS as a foil, sex ed is not a form of moral education. It is a hranch of hygiene.

As are the other liberal virtues. Like the mania for health foods. It feeds a nutritional fanaticism and fastidiousness that makes Islamic and Jewish dietary prohibitions look positively, well, liberal. In elite society, thinness is not just attractive but virtuous, a sign of self-denial and strength of character. Fatness is not just unaesthetic; it is a moral failing. Temptation no longer comes in the form of the devil It comes in the form of dessert.

This cult of the body is the perfect successor to the culture of narcissism of the Me Generation, Its genius is to take the stigma out of self-love and turn it into virtue. Its beauty is to take health and hygiene - perfectly good things, mind you and make them a religion. In a political era demanding more public displays of piety and morality, liberals can now enthusiastically

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## **Punitive Damages**

## Crime Keeps On Falling, but Prisons Keep On Filling

By FOX BUTTERFIELD

has become a comforting story: for five straight years, crime has been falling, led by a drop in murder

So why is the number of inmates in prisons and jails around the nation still going up? Last year, it reached almost 1.7 million, up about seven percent a year since 1990.

The question is not merely a trick quiz, because the costs of running America's constantly expanding orison system - now more than \$30 billion a year - have begun to impose an enormous burden on state, governments.

Already, California and Florida spend more to incarcerate people than to educate their college-age populations.

In California, where the number of prisoners has grown from 19,000 two decades ago to 150,000 today, the

#### A system eager to lock up criminals gets them back, again and again.

state now faces a crisis because it is caught between voters' refusal to approve more money for prison construction and an expected huge influx of inmates over the next few years as more and more tough sentencing laws take effect. The California Department of Corrections has projected that it will run out of space in barely more than two years.

The North Carolina legislature recently adopted sentencing guidelines for judges hased on a computer model showing how much bed space is avallable in the state's prisons, much like a hotel reservation system.

#### **Growth Industry**

Some poor towns, from Tupper Lake, N.Y., in the Adirondacks to Edgefield, S.C., are cashing in on the prison boom, having successfully competed to be the sites of new prisas states have dueled with each other for new German or Japanese automo-



Life behind bars, for more and more men, has become a way of life. Shower rooms at the Rikers Island jail in New York.

Since 1990 alone, the number of prison and jail guards nationwide has increased by about 30 percent, to more than 600,000.

··Of-course, the huge increase in the · number of immates has helped lower the crime rate by incapacitating more criminals behind bars, though there is no generally accepted way to measure the impact; crime rose sharply in the mid- and late 1980's, for example, even as the rate of imprisonment rose much faster.

prisons is also causing unintended

consequences that may actually contribute to increased crime as well as undermine families and inner-city neighborhoods.

#### Home and Back

Foremost among these developments, the experts say, is that the prison boom has created its own growth dynamic.

The larger the number of prisoners, the bigger the number of people ogists say they are troubled by evidence that the spiraling growth of criminal propensities or their experience behind bars, will be likely to ues to grow, some neighborhoods and

commit new crimes and to be rearrested. A growing number of these former inmates are being reincarcerated for parole or probation violations, often a result of failing a urinetest for drugs. :

The number of criminals being sent to prison for the second or more time has increased steadily, rising to 35 percent of the total number of admissions in 1995 from 18 percent in 1980, said Allen J. Beck, chief of corrections statistics at the Bureau of Jusof the Justice Department.

As the number of prisoners contin-

cities feel dramatic effects. A study of Washington, D.C., issued last month found that half of hlack men there between the ages of 18 and 35 are under the control of the criminal jus-tice system on any given day, either in prison or jail, on probation or nite

## Vanishing Stigma

"This suggests to me that we are weakening the role of the criminal justice system," said Alfred Blum-Mellon University, because it was meant to deter crime by stigmatizing people with the threat of imprisonment, "But we have now locked up so many people that we have lost the stigmatizing effect."

At the same time, Mr. Blumstein said, by imprisoning such a large number of people, especially young black males, we have disrupted families and built up strong connections between criminal groups in prison and on the street."

"All this contributes to high rates of crime in inner-city communities," Mr. Blumstein said.

There are several reasons why the prison population is continuing to

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It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World

## You're Not Bad, You're Sick. It's in the Book.

By JOE SHARKEY

XPERTS warn that road rage is at epidemic levels on America's highways. In a recent study, the American Automobile Association found a SI percent increase since 1990 in incidents of motorists behaving in an overtly hostile manner.

Crazy drivers, one might say. Precisely, says Dr. Arnold Nerenberg, a clinical psychologist in Whittier, Calif., who has a weekly radio program in which he discusses road rage as a certifiable mental illness.

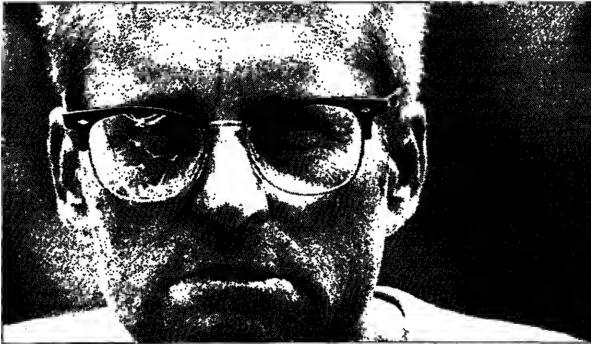
With advocates like Dr. Nerenberg and help from state and Federal research grants intended to combat the increase in highway fatalities attributed to aggressive driving, road rage may be a disorder whose time has come. Dr. Nerenberg and other therapists firmly believe that road rage is on its way to certification as an official mental disorder in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

#### **Hundreds of Disorders**

The D.S.M. as insiders call it, is the 886-page clinical bible put out by the American Psychiatric Association and used by psychiatrists and other therapists to identify a set of behaviors as a mental illness. If road rage is ultimately included in the revisions of the D.S.M. that are now being reviewed, it will join more than 300 other disorders certified as mental diseases.

.The D.S.M., currently in its fourth edition, classifies serious mental illnesses like psychoses and schizophrenia, but critics say it also medicalizes many behaviors once considered traceable to character flaws.

Many new disorders develop powerful lobbies in the therapeutic and political worlds, critics say, because of the D.S.M.'s far-reaching influence on health-care spending. "Inclusion in the D.S.M. is the key that opens the strongbox; you cannot bill for treatment without using



In "Falling Down," Michael Douglas played a man unhinged by a traffic jam and beset by debilitating rage.

it," said Dr. Thomas S. Szasz, a Syracuse psychiatrist and the author of "The Myth of Mental Illness," the landmark 1961 book that argued that psychiatry consistently expands its definition of mental illness to impose its authority over moral and cultural conflict.

Americans spend nearly \$1 trillion annually on health care, and the mental health industry is lohbying the Federal and state governments to require health insurers and health maintenance organizations to cover treatment for mental disorders on a par with physical disease and injury. Critics maintain that the D.S.M. is a powerful marketing machine that slices off ever-greater

chunks of money from overall health care spending. "There is a clear motive for defining new mental

disorders and marketing psychotropic medications for adults," said Herb Kutchins, a professor of social work at California State University in Sacramento and the coauthor, with Stuart A. Kirk, of the forthcoming "Making Us Crazy: D.S.M. - the Psychiatric Bible and the Creation of Mental Disorders," (Free Press). Mr. Kutchins noted that as recently as 18 years ago, the D.S.M. had only 106 mental disorders, while in the mid-19th century, before the D.S.M., the Federal Government recognized only one: idiocy/insanity. Now, he added, less money is available to treat those with serious, debilitating mental illnesses whose sufferers have little clout.

#### Legal Benefits

D.S.M. certification of a disorder can also have legal benefits. Recently, after a young woman in New Jersey was charged with suffocating her newborn baby in a bathroom while attending her senior prom, some therapists suggested that women charged with killing infants shortly after birth might be suffering from "brief psychotic disorder with postpartum onset," which the D.S.M. says is characterized by "emotional turmoil" following childbirth. (Postpartum syndrome has sometimes been

invoked successfully as a legal defense.) To argue its way into the D.S.M., an aspiring disorder needs voluminous field research indicating that it exists as a set of pathological symptoms by a significant number of people. An ardent lobby among therapists is essential, as is a campaign of publicity in the press.

Road rage disorder is the current favorite in the pack of hopefuls jockeying for position. "Road rage disorder has been put into play," said Dr. Nerenberg. As he defines it, road rage is "showing anger toward another driver" for something that driver did on the road, and is characterized by such reactions as rude gestures, hostile stares, shouting, horn-blowing and aggressive maneuver-

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#### **Risk Factor**

Thalidomide's return raises issues too awful to contemplate. By Sheryl Gay Stolberg



Man of the World For Ted Turner, charity begins far, far from home. By Kevin Sack

#### **Hard Sell**

Good times. Big cars Why fuss about global warming? By Andrew C. Revkin



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## **The Nation**

## Hawaii Bucks the Trend on Welfare Reform

By RACHEL L. SWARNS

S stricter welfare rules sweep across the country, one state after another is celebrating its shrinking rolls. In Wyoming, the number of welfare recipients has declined 68 percent from four years ago. In Oregon, 48 percent. In New York, 12 percent

Then there's Hawaii. The state is the only one in the oation to record a steady annual increase in the number of welfare recipients since 1993, Federal officials say. When Hawaiians describe the 36 percent change in their welfare popula-

tion, they're talking increase, not decrease. "Everyone's asking, 'What's happening in Hawaii?" said Dennis Arakaki, a Hawaii state legislator who fielded the awkward question over and over again at a recent meeting of state officials from all over the country. "I say, 'Gee, I wish we had better things to report.' Unfortunately, we don't

#### Relief rolls keep rising in a state that persists in unfashionable generosity to the poor.

have better things to report."

No one knows exactly why Hawaii has emerged as the exception to the oational rule. (Alaska's rolls, which have gone up and down during the same period, are about 5 percent higher than they were four years ago). But the situation seems to stem from a cotoplicated mix of the state's economic struggles and its reluctance to push people off welfare, two factors that also run counter to national trends.

And while welfare experts remain divided about which factor has contributed most to Hawaii's surging caseload, they agree that finding the answer is critical.

Are Hawaiian officials and liberals right to blame the state's sagging economy, warning that other states will suffer similarly if their econotoles sour?

Or are conservatives right to wag their fingers at the state's politicians for refusing to adopt tough measures that have made it



At the capitol in Honolulu, a woman with her grandson protest proposed welfare cuts.

harder for poor people in other states to get welfare and keep it?

"A lot of people from other states are saying, 'We need to know why this is bap-pening so we can avoid it here,' " said Jack Tweedie, who tracks welfare reform for the National Conference of State Legislatures. Some experts argue that states should

worry more about placing people in jobs and less about simply reducing caseloads, which may or may not mean that welfare recipients are actually finding work. The mere thought of rising caseloads gives fiscallyminded politicians the shivers. Under the new welfare law, states receive a fixed amount of Federal money based on previous spending, regardless of how many welfare. recipients they serve.

So while states with shrinking welfare rolls now enjoy multimillion-dollar surpluses, Hawaii found itself with slightly less money this year to spend on more people. The state legislature came up with \$6 million to fill the gap. "Without that, we would really be hurting," said Kristine Foster, a welfare program administrator at Hawaii's Department of Human Services.

But Ms. Foster defends her state's decision to leave the welcome mat out for Ha-waii's needy. In the face of an economic downturn, she says, the traditional, liberal concept of government support for the poor is an ideal worth clinging to.

"People say we're too generous, we're too nice," Ms. Foster said. "But a lot of people here feel that welfare reform is very punitive. We did not want to mirror that.

"We're trying to make people self-sufficient, but we're not interested in driving people to destitution," said Ms. Foster, who says she has no interest in pushing people off the rolls without some assurance that they have found work.

#### They Give at the Office

Ms. Foster blames the rise in welfare recipients - which surged from 54,511 to 73,893 between 1993 and 1997 — on the tourism slump that began in the 1990's and left. the state's economy sputtering while much. of the oation moved froto recession to resurgence. About 6 percent of Hawaii's house-holds receive welfare, slightly above the national average.

But she also acknowledges that Hawaii's liberal eligibility rules played a role. While other states force applicants to search for work before handing them a check, Hawaii

still gives out benefits on the first day an eligible applicant walks into the welfare of-

The state has also encouraged welfare recipients to stay on the rolls even after they find low-paying jobs, offering them reduced benefits to supplement their low salaries.

Last December, Hawaii switched course, introducing a tougher policy that slashed benefits by 20 percent to those welfare recipients who fail to find jobs within two months.

#### **Velvet Glove**

Ms. Foster said the stricter rules and an improving economy persuaded an additional 1,100 people to find work and helped slow the rise in the caseload. This year, she expects the number of people on public assistance to increase by only 1 percent.

Conservatives say that proves their point: that tough action, instead of letting families languish in government-sponsored dependency, reduces welfare rolls. "When you don't get tough, people stay on welfare," said Douglas J. Besharov, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative research organization in Washington. The velvet glove just doesn't hack it."

But Hawaiian officials, who have historically held liberal views on social policy, say they're not ashamed of their more traditional approach. Their goal, they say, is not to simply push people off the rolls. Their goal is to push people into jobs. And on that count,

they seem to be succeeding.
Under the new Federal welfare law, states must have 25 percent of their welfare recipients working this year. Despite the rise in caseload, Hawaii will meet the new Federal work participation rates. Twenty-seven percent of the state's welfare recipients are already working, Ms. Foster said, compared to 10 percent in 1995.

And this, sotoe liberals say, should be the true measure of welfare reform; the number of people moving from welfare into work, not the number of people who have simply vanished from the rolls.

"The real problem is that everyone's competing to be the state with the biggest caseload decline," said Jodie Levin-Epstein, senior policy analyst at the Center for Law and Social Policy, a liberal research organization in Washington.

Caseload decline can toean good things if it toeans that people are getting into jobs," she said. "But that's not necessarily the

## Weighing Hope Against Horror

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON OW that thalidomide, the drug that was banned worldwide in the 1960's after It produced 10,000 habies with missing and stunted limbs, is headed for approval by the Food and Drug Administration, Randy Warren has a question: Are the benefits of the world's most notorious sedative worth the risk that just one toore haby will be born like him?

Mr. Warren, 36, a Canadian whose mother took the drug when she was pregnant, was born with flipperlike feet where his kneecaps should be, four fingers on each band and severely deformed ears. He had 24 operations by the time he turned 16; he remains wheelchair bound and unable to perform simple tasks like buttoning up his shirt.

One baby born for 100 lives extended?" he asked rhetorically last week, a few days after the F.D.A. announced that it intended to approve thalidomide for leprosy patients. "If there is a number, I would like to know what it is. How are you

going to measure that?" No one has performed such a coldbearted risk-benefit analysis, of course, and no one intends to, which is precisely Mr. Warren's point. Yet in the contentious dehate over the return of thalidomide, which bolds promise as a treatment for maladies as diverse as AIDS, lupus and cancer, there is one potot upon which nearly everyone agrees: more deformed habies will be born if the drug

comes to market. 'There will be some slip-ups," predict-



A two-year-old thalidomide victim in Sweden in 1963.

ed Dr. Norman Fost, who directs the medical ethics program at the University of Wisconsin. "There is oo policy that will produce zero." But no one, he added, is willing to answer the toost volatile questioo of all: How to any thalidomide babies is too many?

In part, this is because Atoericans don't like to confront risk, be it the danger of contaminated bamburger meat or automobile air bags. Dr. John Graham, director of the Center for Risk Analysis at Harvard University, says an honest intellectual discussion of thalidomide should include some oumbers crunching. But he doesn't expect it: "We as a society do oot want to face up to these numbers

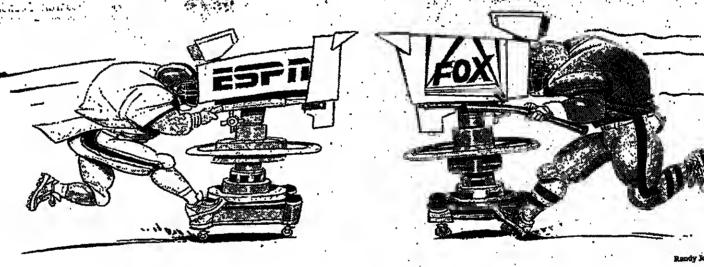
and their implications." The drug's maker, the Celgene Corporation of Warren, N.J., maintains that It can't crunch any numbers, because no one knows how many babies might be born and the potential uses of thalidomide will grow as scientists discover more diseases for which the drug is useful. Instead, the cotopany has focused on designing a plan to prevent birth defects.

The plan, which has drawn accolades from all sides, including from Mr. Warren, includes a variety of provisions. Pharmacies would register before dispensing the drug, and there would be no aummatic refills. Female patients would have to show proof of contraception and undergo regular pregnancy tests, and education for doctors and patients would be mandatory, which experts say is critical given that so many Americans are too young to remember the thalidomide

Still, the company is not foolhardy. "We have ohtained product liability insurance," said Celgene's vice president for marketing, Bruce Williams, although be added that he does not believe more deformed babies are inevitable. "If I believed that," he said, "I would oot be

doing this." Because no drug is 100 percent safe, the F.D.A. always weighs risks and benefits. The difference with thalidomide, according to Dr. Janet Woodcock, who directs the agency's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, is that the side effects don't injure the patient but another person, oamely her child. Dr. Woodcock says the best the agency can do is to monitor thalidomide once it is on the market, and re-evaluate if too toany accidents occur.

To Dr. Fost, that answer is not good enough. He would like the agency to confront the numbers question up front. "If there are 10, 20, 50 or 100 or 200 of these kids five years from now, we will all look back and bave heart-wrenching symposia and TV specials on whether the right precautions were taken," he said. "So we should answer that question now."



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## Sports Networks Ready to Rumble

By MARK LANDLER

LL politics is local, Tip O'Neill used to say. But what would that diehard Red Sox fan have said of sports? Given the loyalty that sports fans in Boston and other cities have for their hometown teams, one might conclude that sports, too, is basically a local affair. But professional sports also creates genuinely national heroes like Tiger Woods. Even a perennially winning team, like the Chicago Bulls, can generate a oational following.

Whether sports is a local or national phecomenon is more than grist for a slow night on WFAN talk radio. The issue is at the heart of an epic battle for supremacy in TV sports. The combatants are two vast media companies, Walt Disney and Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, both of which are known for creating entertainment icons like Mickey Mouse and Bart Simpson that defy

any sense of local identity. Now those cotopanies are fixing their sights on the flourishing sports business. And they are pursuing markedly different strategies. Disney's main vehicle is ESPN, the cable network it picked up in 1995 through its acquisition of ABC. With more than 70 million subscribers, ESPN is the undisputed leader in sports television. It is also the epitome of a national sports channel, covering sports with a broad brush much as Sports Illustrated and the broad-

cast networks did in previous decades. But ESPN's primacy is coming under attack by Mr. Murdoch. His Fox TV oetwork has been cobbling together regional sports networks around the country to create a loose federation of channels called Fox Sports Net. The aim is to exploit a perceived weakness to ESPN's coverage by offering home games to viewers in local markets.

Fox recently added New York's two regional sports networks, MSG and Sportschannel, by investing \$850 million to the parent company of the networks, Rainbow Programming. MSG will soon begin to intersperse its coverage of the Yankees with games from other cities and Fox's daily roundup program, "Fox Sports News."
"It is sumple" said David Hill, the chief

executive of Fox Sports and the architect of Mr. Murdoch's plan, "Sports are tribal. Fox Sports Net drives a fan's basic instincts of loyalty and ownership."

Mr. Murdoch has launched a blitz in recent months to snap up the channels and local sports franchises he needs to turn Fox Sports into a true rival of ESPN. In addition to Rainbow, Fox has a joint venture with cable giant Tele-Communications, which owns 10 regional sports networks through its programming arm, Liberty Media.

As if that's not enough, Mr. Murdoch this month agreed to pay \$350 million m acquire the Los Angeles Dodgers. He plans m use the team as the linchpin for Fox Sports West, his regional network in that market. In Los Angeles alone, Mr. Murdoch has locked up TV rights to all six of the city's pro teams: the Dodgers and Angels for basehall, the Lakers and Clippers for basketball, and the Kings and Mighty Ducks for hockey.

#### **New Chapter**

All told, Fox Sports controls more than 20 regional sports networks with almost 60 million cable subscribers. Mr. Hill said Fox. planned to stamp these local channels with the same production style and edgy tone that characterizes the Fox network's coverage of football, baseball and hockey.

If Mr. Murdoch succeeds in his strategy of fashioning a oational sports empire on the appeal of local games, he will write a new chapter in the annals of sports on television.

There are differences between various sports, but the general direction of sports programming in this country has always been national," said Frank Deford, the former writer for Sports Illustrated who is now a columnist at Newsweek and a commenta-

tor on HBO and National Public Radio. If any single date angured the era of national sports, it was Dec. 28, 1958, when the Baltimore Colts defeated the New York Giants in sudden death to win the championship of the infant National Football League. The game was televised nationally, and viewers from coast to coast thrilled at the heroics of the Colts' quarterback, Johnny Unitas.

Sports Illustrated, which had been founded

four years earlier, dubbed it "the Greatest Game Ever Played." And together, Sports Illustrated and the Big Three networks presided over three decades in which football, basketball and baseball all became national

But Sports Illustrated never parlayed its authoritative reputation into TV, and the networks began losing viewers to cable. In the 1980's ESPN grabbed the magazine's mantle as America's leading voice on sports. Only now is Sports Illustrated trying to catch up, starting a sports news oetwork, CNN/SI,

with a fellow Time Warner company, CNN. For all its success, ESPN's approach to sports is still stubbornly conventional: It tries to get viewers in Miami or Los Angeles hooked on a game between teams in New York and Seattle. ESPN's secret was to develop a distinctive image, with wise-cracking commentators like the recently departed Keith Olbermann. The network's daily news program, "SportsCenter," has become a rit-

ual for couch-bound jocks. "ESPN has created a destination for sports fans, and they've been able to sell advertisers on an environment and a brand name," said Brian Bedol, the chief executive of the Classic Sports Network, who recently sold his channel featuring vintage sports

footage to ESPN for \$175 million. But even ESPN knows it cannot ignore the almost primal appeal of local games in local markets. Disney controls two of the six teams in Southern California, the Angels and the Ducks, and when Fox's TV rights to both teams expire in a couple of years, some media executives expect Disney to use the teams as the foundation for the first local ESPN oetwork

"I think it's a lot easier to take the ESPN brand name and get into local sports than it is to take a bunch of regional stations and build a national octwork," Mr. Bedol said.

Regardless of whether Fox succeeds against ESPN, some observers doubt that Mr. Murdoch will change the way Americans watch sports. As Mr. Olbermann, the former ESPN commentator, puts it, "There is a lot less difference between 'Fox Sports News' and ESPN's 'SportsCenter' than either company would like you to think."

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## On Campaign Finance, No Looking Inward

By LESLIE WAYNE

WASHINGTON N a single week, the focus oo campaign finance has shifted from highly-charged Senate hearings that laid bare legally and ethically questionable practices to a more measured debate - in committee and on the Senate floor - about how to fix the laws governing the financing of political campaigns.

This shift, suddeo and dramatic, was accompanied by statements of lofty motives. The two beads of the Senate committee investigating campaign finance said they wanted to move away from partisan hickering and toward a constructive policy debate that "will bopefully offer to other members of the Senate and the public the benefit of these hearings." And the Majority Leader, Trent Lott, in a surprise move, brought to the floor a campaign reform measure sponsored by Senators John McCain, Republican of Arizona, and Russell D. Feingold, a Wisconsin Democrat.

But obscured in this rush to moderation were motivations that were less high-minded. The White House was happy to see Vice President Al Gore's fundraising enthusiasms moved to the hack burner. And the Senate's perspective was just as self-interested: the hearings bad been headed straight for the Senators themselves

By changing course, the Senators effectively dropped witnesses who would have exposed campaign finance abuses by members of Congress - including some members of the Senate committee - a prospect that the committee decided was just too sensitive to pursue, committee members said,

"For the first time, it looked like the focus would be much more on ourselves," said Senator Susan Collins, a Maine Republican. "It would introduce a certain awkwardness to the hearings. It is easier for us to sit in judgment of another branch of government, the executive hranch, than to sit in judgment of ourselves."

In the days and weeks ahead, the committee had been scheduled to look at the way in which nonprofit organizations, on the right and the left, had been used to get money to Congressional races with expensive advertising campaigns conducted outside the reach of Federal campaign finance laws. In addition, the committee had planned to look at how groups ranging from the A.F.L.-C.LO. to the Christian Coalition raised and spent money on behalf of Congressional candidates.

The committee has said it may take up these issues again, but in a way that will not identify any members of Congress. Many of the nonprofit groups had refused to comply, on grounds of privacy, with Senate subpoenas requesting internal documents - documents that committee investigators felt were necessary to their case. But it is doubtful now that the committee will engage in the court battle needed to enforce compliance.

#### A Plan for Giving

The committee's decision to switch course came just as the Democrats had been scheduled to present information about Triad Consulting Services, a company that devised an intricate but seemingly legal scheme that allowed conservative donors to support Republican candidates in excess of Federal limits on Congressional campaign donations by giving money to political action committees and nonprofit groups that supported individual candidates or ran ads that benefited them.

The tale of Triad was particularly sensitive to the committee since a Republican committee member, Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma, appeared in Triad promotional ads shown to potential donors. Another Republican, Sam Brownback of Kansas, benefited from Triad ads and from a plan that allowed donors, including his in-laws, to give him amounts exceeding Federal limits under a plan whose legality is uncertain.

This change of heart, of course, has got some campaign finance reformists fuming.

'Not looking at Congress is a very strange absence that is utterly peculiar," said Charles Lewis, executive director of the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit research group. "I think anyone watching the hearings has to scratch their head."

However, at least one advocate for campaign finance changes applauded the switch. "I'm delighted," said Thomas Mann, a Congressional scholar at the Brookings Institution who testified before the committee last week. "It's a lot more constructive to look at how to fix the system that in finding additional cases of campaign finance wrongdoing for the newspapers to write about.'



Senators Carl Levin and John Glenn, at left, and the committee chairman, Fred Thompson, at the hearings.



In the charity game, Ted Turner (shown with Jane Fonda) goes to bat for other causes more than for Atlanta.

Looking Beyond Atlanta

## Turner's Charity Blind Spot

By KEVIN SACK

ED TURNER's charity often hasn't begun at home. For all of his philanthropy, crowned hy his \$I billion pledge m the United Nations last weekend, relatively little of his largess has landed in Atlanta, where he lives and where his companies and sports teams are hased.

There are no huildings here named for Mr. Turner other than Turner Fleld, the new Atlanta Braves haseball stadium now known simply as The Ted. He does not sit on boards of major civic or cultural groups.

Of the \$14 million given by the Turner Foundation to 426 organizations this year, less than a fifth - \$2.7 million — went to 65 groups in Atlanta, most of it in gifts of \$25,000 to \$40,000. While Mr. Turner has given \$25 million each to the McCallie School in Chattanooga and Brown University, which he attended, and to The Cltadel, which his sons attended, he has not made major gifts to any Atlanta-based college.

When the Atlanta Olympic committee asked Mr. Turner to pledge \$1 million for construction of Centennial Olympic Park, a 21-acre tract that is now the front yard of CNN Ceoter, Mr. Turner demurred. Turner Broadcasting eventually gave \$150,000 toward construction of the \$62 million park. By contrast, the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Atlanta's largest philanthropy, gave more than \$30 million, and several local companies gave multimillion dollar grants.

"They're just not as involved in local Issues as the other major headquarters companies here," said Sam A. Williams, head of the Chamber of Commerce. "Ted's personal interest is more international. As a corporation, I'd like to see them more involved in Atlanta."

Mr. Turner's aides say his toundation gives mainly to local groups in six states where he owns property for environmental protection, youth projects and the like. They also note that Turner Broadcasting and the sports teams do many charitable works in Atlanta.

But they acknowledge that Mr. Turner, as befits his personality and the worldwide reach of his Cable News Network, is primarily concerned with issues on a global scale. "He sees the importance and loves, in fact, the work that local groups are doing," said Peter Baheran, the Turner Foundation's executive director. "But " absolutely feels that there needs to be someplace where democracy can be exercised for global issues."

Mr. Turner and Atlanta have always had something of an awkward relationship. He is arguably the city's best-known and wealthiest citizen. But he has never been included in, nor sought inclusion in, the small club of husiness elites who quietly guide the city's life.

"I doo't think Atlanta's ever been totally comfortable with Ted Turner," said Dana F. White, urhan studies professor at Emory University. "His style is not the kind of restrained elegance that one would expect from a Robert Woodruff or an Ivan Allen" - respectively, the late Coca-Cola magnate and an ex-mayor.

Atlantans, of course, don't doubt the altruism of a man who just pledged away \$1 hillion. They also read the that Mr. Turner has contributed to the city in other ways - hy making it a media capital, hy employing them. 7,000 people, by anchoring a hard-to-develop corner of downtown with CNN Center, a commercial compaand hy owning three of the city's four sports framelies. - the Braves, the Hawks, and a new hockey tends

#### Olympic Windfall

But some do wonder why Mr. Turner is so fixare in the global causes when there are so many needs in his or a neighborhood. Atlanta ranks fifth among major Ame. can cities in the percentage of people living in poverti-Some Atlanta leaders were particularly miffed that

Mr. Turner did oot give more to huild the Olympic partit. which presumably has enhanced the value of CNN Uc ter, where Mr. Turner shares an apartment with his with. Jane Fonda. The 1996 Olympics also left Mr. Turner with a new stadium for the Braves; the team paid only 305 million to convert the stadium for dasehall

"A call was made to get him to put in a lot of money and it just wasn't on his radar scope," said A.D. France. former chief operating officer of the Atlanta Olympic committee. "I wish he had been able to do more."

Eric R. Guthey, an assistant professor at the University of Michigan who is writing a book on Mr. Turner, said Mr. Turner's personality explains his lack of focus on Atlanta. "He has a heroic self-conception," he said.

## Crime Keeps On Falling, but Prisons Keep On Filling

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surge even as crime rates around the nation have fallen, but at their heart is an often misunderstood truth, said Franklin Zlmring, director of the Earl Warren Legal Institute at the University of California at Berke-

'The change in the number of inmates tells us more about our feelings about crime and criminals" and about changes in sentencing laws than it does about crime rates. Sometimes the disparities in rates of imprisonment have no more apparent expla-

North Dakota and South Dakota, for instance, are similar in their social, economic and racial makeup and have similar crime rates. But while North Dakota has a prison incarceration rate of only 90 per 100,000 people, South Dakota imprisons 279 per

#### Parole? No.

The prison population also continues to grow because sentences have increased for many crimes and parole boards bave also become much more sensitive to the public's demand for harsher treatment of crimmals. As a result, release rates of those prisoners eligible for parole have declined to 31.2 percent in 1995 from 37 percent in 1990, and inmates therefore are spending more of their sentences behind hars, Mr. Beck said.

Another key factor is that drug arrests are not counted in the Federai Bureau of Investigation's annual crime report. It includes

crimes from murder to hurglary, but not drug offenses, because they are not considered to have victims or likely to be reported

to the police. While other crimes have been declining. Mr. Beck said, the number of those arrested for drug offenses jumped 27 percent between 1990 and 1995. In fact, Mr. Bhumstein said, criminals sentenced for drug offenses account for about half the growth in the prison population over the last 15 years.

John Dilulio Jr., a professor of politics and public affairs at Princeton University, said that in the past he believed most of those sentenced for drug offenses had also committed other crimes, often violent crimes, but new research he has conducted in New York State suggests that at least 25 percent of new inmates now are "drug-only offenders," people who have never been charged with any other type of crime.

"I think what we are seeing is an increase in drug-only offenders, and this is unfortunate," Mr. DiJulio said.

#### Paying the Bills

California, with the largest number of prisoners, is facing the higgest challenge. In the last 20 years, California has built 21 new prisons but added only one university to what was once hailed as the world's best public university system.

And while the share of the state budget going to the university system has fallen to 8 percent from 12.5 percent in 1990, the proportion for corrections has risen to 9.4 percent, up 4.5 percent, an amount that educators

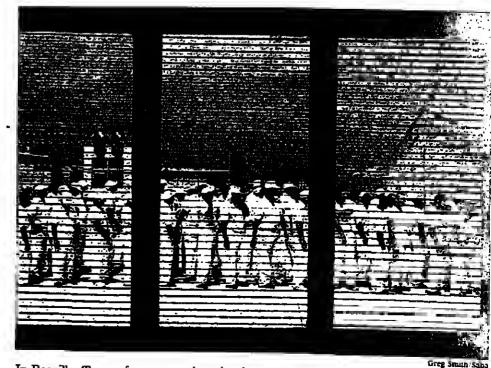
point out is identical to the loss in their funds In the meantime, California's universities have had to lay off 10,000 employees, many of them professors, while in the same period the number of state prison guards has increased by 10,000.

"This is a crisis," said Barry Munitz, the chancellor of the California State University system. "And the reason it is a crisis is that in California we capped government revenue with Prop 13, so every decision about spending is a tradeoff."

"To me, you pay now for college, or you pay dramatically more later for prisons," for people who don't get an education and wind

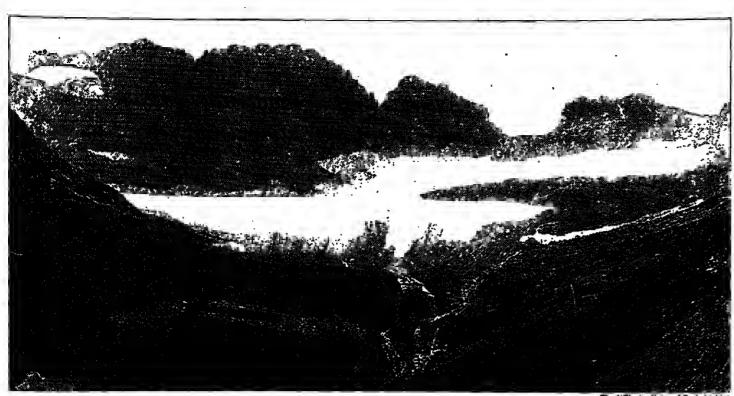
up committing crimes, said Mr. Munic "The state sends us \$6,000 per student," he pointed out, "but it pays \$34,000 a year for a prison immate."

#### The Inmate Population Grows, as Crime Recedes ... but the number of prison Some reasons are longer sentences, a decrease in Serious crime release rates and an increase in reincarcerations. is down . . . inmates is growing. Percent of new Average minimum Jail inmates (awaiting Federal and State includes reported trial or sentencad to time to ba served per 100 state prison inmates prison inmates murder, forcible rape, by new prison with prior tarms one year or less) robbery, aggravated (includes parole assault, burglary and and probation larceny. violations) 16 million ources: Federal Bureeu of Investigation; Bureau of Justice Statistics

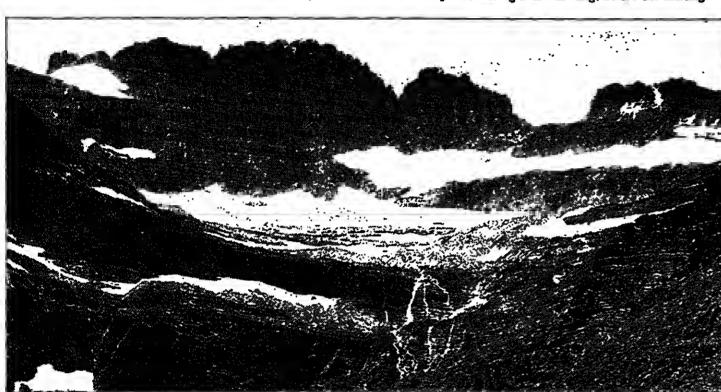


In Beeville, Tex., a former naval station is now prison space.

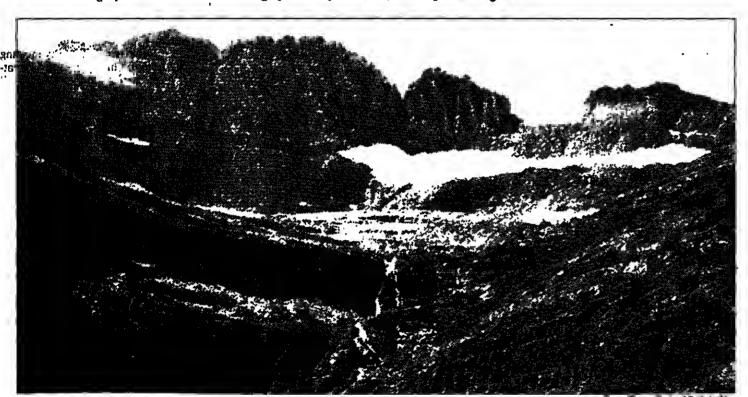
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1910 The Grinnell Glacier in Glacier National Park, where Al Gore recently discussed global warming, before the melting.



1931 Photographed from the same vantage point 21 years later, a clearly smaller glacier.



1997 The glacier this year; having receded 3,100 feet in a century, it is expected to disappear within 30 years.

# Struggling to Scare A Contented World

By ANDREW C. REVKIN

RESIDENT CLINTON has long heen seen as an instinctive politician, one with a talent for sensing a public yearning and turning it to political advantage. So why, when Americans are blithely pumping record amounts of gasoline into their Blazers, Jeeps, and not-so-mini-vans, is he preparing to campaign to cut the nation's use of fuel?

Mr. Clinton says his goal is to reduce the threat in coming decades of droughts, coastal floods, and famine from global warming — a warming of the atmosphere caused by rising concentrations of gases, especially carbon dioxide, released when fuels and forests are burned. He plans to play host at a climate conference at Georgetowa University next week to publicize the issue, and he invited dozeos of television weather forecasters to meet with him and Vice President Al Gore at the White House Wednesday, also to discuss global warming.

Around Washington, where hot, sticky summers are commonplace, those seeking a political explanation for everything say that global warming simply is a safe haveo for a second-term President who is eager to divert attention from more uncomfortable subjects, like campaign financing or his personal life.

But scientists and officials involved in the intensifying international debate on how to deal with global warming say it bas taken

#### Clinton wants action against global warming. But in flush times, what's a little CO<sub>2</sub> between friends?

the United States far too long to put the issue front and center, particularly because this country is the biggest source of heat-trapping gases, and because the spread of American-style consumerism to developing nations is likely to create the biggest source of the gases in the next century.

A strong consensus has built among scientists that global warming, although not a certainty, is a sufficiently serious threat to justify taking some action. Without concrete action by the United States, climate policy experts say, the rest of the world — which is eager to replicate America's high-revving, energy-hungry economy — will be unlikely to conserve coal or oil for the sake of the shared atmosphere.

President Clinton's decision to tackle the issue now, some of these experts say, was largely prompted by the need to build public support before he fulfills a pledge to commit the United States to firm limits on future greenhouse emissions. Specifics are expected to be announced by the White House next month and made final at an international climate meeting in Kyoto, Japan, in December.

That pledge came after Mr. Clinton became the focus of increasingly barsh criticism from countries like Britain and Germany, which have pushed ahead with enviroomental programs to cut their output of carboo dioxide.

But finding ways to convince the American public of the seriousness of the climate threat will be oo mean feat. This is particularly true with the nation feeling flush, with

gasoline and oil relatively cheap, and with most of the more obvious environmental problems either solved or being attacked.

Mr. Clinton had a much easier sell in his last big environmental policy move — toughening standards for two familiar pollutants, soot and smog. Soot and smog are a visible blight that kills old people and asthmatic children.

#### **Bubbles** in Beer

But carbon dioxide is far harder to paint as a villain. It is, after all, the same invisible stuff that makes the bubbles in beer. And, unlike smog or water pollution — where solid evidence has been plain for all to see — global warming is a looming, complicated problem that never quite seems to arrive. In other words, a nightmare for a politician.

There will never be a day when newspaper headlines proclaim "Earth Warms — Floods, Famine Erupt," climate experts say. Even the particularly nasty storms, floods, and droughts of recent years, although consistent with the theory, can never be directly ascribed to human meddling with the atmosphere. Indeed, some recent work suggests that variations in the sun's brightness could account for some warming.

Mr. Clinton will have to overcome inertia that is being fed by industry. Despite a few recent converts, like British Petroleum, most industries that either produce fossil fuels or rely on them still contend that the science is uncertain and are lobbying for more research before action is taken to cut green-bouse pollution.

Seth Dunn, a climate and energy analyst at the Worldwatch Institute, a private environmental group, said that a key to any initiative this fall will be to show the economic sense of using fuels sparingly and developing new sources of energy that do not add to the atmosphere's greenhouse burden. An enormous market for such technologies is already building overseas, and could easily spread here as well, he said.

One of Mr. Clinton's soldiers in his environmental campaign is Mr. Gore; the prospect of a hothouse planet was a central theme of his best-selling book, "Earth in the Balance" (Houghton Mifflin, 1992). Another is Timothy E. Wirth, Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs. Mr. Wirth is a veteran of the communications wars over global warming. As a Senator, he staged one of the first Congressional bearings on the subject during the scorching summer of 1988.

To get the point across at the time, staffers called the National Weather Service to be sure the hearing date would be a hot one. "We had it on that day, and opened all the windows," Mr. Wirth recalled. The greenhouse effect became big news. This time, he said, sweaty hearings won't be enough. He said the Clinton Administration is planning to invoke the fate of future generations, just as he did to spur proposed solutions to the budget deficit.

To prepare for his improbable climate campaign, Mr. Clinton has been boning up both on the science, and on ways to explain it.

#### **Quivering Canaries**

When some of the country's leading climate specialists gathered at the White House in July for a meeting with Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore, they provided a host of simple ways to illustrate the problem.

Dr. Stephen H. Schnelder, a Stanford University biology professor, invoked the image of canaries carried into coal mines to warn of noxious gas. "The canary in the cage is starting to quiver," Dr. Schneider said.

Mr. Clinton slowly repeated the phrase, as if testing it for future use.

## You're Not Bad. Just Sick.

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ing. "If they do that two or more times a year, it is considered road rage — a mental disorder," he said.

Dr. Nerenberg, who recently testified at Congressional hearings on highway safety, said his research showed that more than half of Americans suffer from road rage disorder at one time or another.

#### **Emerging Candidates**

Another candidate for certification as a mental illness is pre-menstrual dysphoric disorder, which afflicts some women as a severe form of pre-menstrual stress and "cripples them emotionally," according to a study published last week in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study, which said sufferers can be significantly aided by taking an antidepressant, was financed by Pfizer Inc., which makes the

antidepressant Zoloft.

Meanwhile, other therapists have recently made well-publicized claims that attention-delicht disorder, once primarily diagnosed in children, has begun showing up in large

numbers of adult patients.

Some disorders lose political support and disappear as cultural forces clash with therapeutic claims; homosexuality, for example, was listed as a mental disorder until 1980. Another example is self-defeating personality disorder, which used to be most often diagnosed in women. Among its symptoms in the previous edition of the D.S.M.: choosing "people and situations that lead to disap-

pointment." It was dropped when the latest D.S.M. appeared in 1994.

Sull, new hopefuls surface regularly. Among them is jury-duty disorder, defined last year by the Bulletin of the Academy of Psychiatry and the Law as a psychiatric disease reported by people who have suffered sexual problems, heart palpitations, phobic reaction, depression and anorexia following stressful jury duty.

And foreign disorders may be coming our way. Mr. Kutchins suggests. Last year, for example, the British Medical Journal published a study detailing lottery stress disorder, characterized by a "delusional bellef" that a ticket is a winner and a sharp "deflation of mood" when it isn't.

The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that one-third of Americans suffer from a clinical mental disorder in any given year and that more than half will bave one during their lifetime. Defenders of current mental-health policy say accepting that removes the stigma from seeking treatment.

Mr. Kutchins, however, said the price was high. "If full parity comes about and only half of the people who would qualify for a D.S.M. disorder seek professional treatment," he said, "the tab has been estimated at about \$75 billioo a year."

Dr. Szasz says the D.S.M. has ingeniously made itself indispensable and probably indestructible. "The diagnosis in the D.S.M. is absolutely essential, because all mental health care and third-party insurance payment depends on what code you put down," he said. "It's completely impossible to get off this tiger."

## Dissociative Fugue and Other Ailments

EELING a tad testy when some idiot roars into your rearview mirror to tailgate an inch from your bumper? You might not get much sympathy from your shrink, because road rage isn't yet listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

But give it time. After all, plenty of other disorders have made the grade. The American Psychiatric Association, which puts out the manual, claims that about half the population has (or will get) ooe or another of the more than 300 listed illnesses. Maybe it's best to try to feel the tailgater's pain, since your tormentor might not be rude, but suffering from ooe of the certified disorders below.

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Antisocial personality disorder: Among the symptoms: "Disregard for and violation of the rights of others.... Impulsivity or failure to plan ahead."

Narcissistic personality disorder: "A grandiose sense of self-importance.... Believes that he or she is 'special' and unique and can only be understood by, or associate with, other special or high-status people.... A sense of entitlement, i.e. unreasonable expectations of especially favorable treatmeot.... Takes advantage of others.... Shows arrogant, haughty behaviors or attitudes."



Attention-deficit/hyperactivlty disorder: "Fails to give close
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careless mistakes... Has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks
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Dissociative fugue: An overwhelming urge for "sudden, unexpected travel away from home or one's customary place of week ft

Or consider "substance-related disorders" like these:

Caffeine intoxication, which can lead to Caffeine induced anxiety disorder or Substance-induced sleep disorder.

Nicotine dependence, the treatment of which can unfortunately lead to Nicotine withdrawal disorder.



Or perhaps the menacing Road Warrior is suffering from a newer disorder that the manual hasn't yet codified but recommends "clinical attention" to, pending further study. These ore examples:

Occupational problem: "Job dissatisfaction and uncertainty about career choices."

Acculturation problem: "Problem involving adjustment to a different culture, (e.g., following migration)."

Phase of life problem: "Examples include problems associated with entering school . . . starting a new career . . . divorce and retirement."

Religious or spiritual problem: "Loss or questioning of faith. ... Questioning of spiritual values."

Malingering: "Intentional production of false or grossly exaggerated physical or psychological symptoms, motivated by external incentives such as avoiding military duty, avoiding work, obtaining financial compensation." This disorder is sometimes characterized by "lack of cooperation... in complying with the prescribed treatment regimen... the presence of Antisocial Personality Disorder." (See above.)

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#### Mr. Rubin Makes a Fix-It Trip to a Tumultuous Asia Treasury Secretary Robert E. Ruterrorists, but instead by wild-eyed

bin spent the last 10 days in Asia. In Hong Kong, he wrestled with the problems of Southeast Asia's currency crisis, first at meetings of the finance ministers of the world's leading industrial nations, and then at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Next he traveled to China's interior to assess its confusing, often contradictory brew of economic changes. David E. Sanger, formerly the Tokyo bureau chief of The Times and now Washington economic correspondent, joined the tour. Following is his day-by-day account:

#### Sept. 19: 'This Could Be a Circus'

When Hollywood makes the inevitable sequel to "Air Force One," maybe the producers should forget about the President. Instead, they can title it "Air Force 86971," for the tail oumber on the creaky, Eiseohower-era plane taking three of the most powerful policy setters in the global economy to meet their Asian counterparts: Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin, his wise-cracking deputy Lawrence H. Summers and the Sphinx-like Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve.

O.K., a meeting of finance ministers may not sound like the makings of a box-office bonanza, but imagine the story line: The plane is not seized by a bunch of crazed nuclear

bond traders, aided by a cabal of currency traders who, to add a bit of verlsimilitude, have just flattened the Malaysian economy.

They demand that Messrs. Rubin, Summers and Greenspan spill their plans for short-term interest rates and the direction of the dollar. As the midair standoff drags on markets quiver from Bangkok to Berlin. A worldwide recession bangs in the balance.

Well, maybe not. Up here on the real Air Force 86971, everyone is complaining about the cheese on the nachos and the pitiful flying range of the plane, which must refuel three times between Washington and Hong Kong. But that allows time for Mr. Rubin to reflect on the fact that this is his first trip to the world's most populous country — either in his old life, as an investment banker, or in the five years he has served President Clinton.

"When I was at Goldman," he says, referring to his 26 years at Goldman, Sachs & Company, "there weren't enough commercial transactions in China to even justify a trip. It was all Takyo, and at the end a little Hong Kong." The world looks very different today. Japan can't seem to dig itself out of its hole. And the boom in Southeast Asia bas hit a brick wall, with the currency crisis that started in Thailand spreading like jungle thatch.

So Mr. Rubin's tour is now an

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urgent repair mission. He wants to use the annual meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to make sure countries that are opening their financial markets don't backtrack. And in Beijing, be must pave the way for President Jiang Zemin's state visit to Washington next month, the first by a Chinese leader in a dozen years.

Mr. Rubin readily acknowledges that the Administration's interactions with China over the last five years are nothing to crow about. "We can properly be faulted," be says, "for vastly underinvesting in our relationships with Chinese officials up and down the line." It's no surprise, he adds, that "we keep baving such a hard time understanding each oth-

Such candor in an Administration that often seems to believe its own spin is the key to Mr. Rubin's remarkably good press. Having a few hundred million dollars in the bank gives him, as one Cabinet colleague noted recently, "the security to say exactly what he thinks." He also seems to speak a common language with Mr. Greenspan, who steers clear of reporters on the 20-hour trip as assiduously as Mr. Rubin seeks them out.

As the plane circles halfway around the world, Mr. Rubin buddles with his staff to discuss how to react if anti-Americanism flares in Hong Kong. The Prime Minister of Malaysia. Mahathir Mohamad, will be there, contending anew that American speculators victimized his country by borrowing his currency and using it to drive down his stock mar-

Others don't see an American con-

spiracy in all this, but resent the fact that the United States, while not a major contributor to the \$20 billion LM.F. bailout of Thailand, nonetheless insisted that the Thais endure a strict, Mexico-style austerity plan. The Japanese, some Treasury officials warn, may try to exploit those

bave lost during their own recession and banking crisis. This quiet tug-of-war is a constant subtext of relations in the Pacific and trade deficits, interest rates and direct investment are all weapons in

emotions to regain influence they

"Hoo, boy," Mr. Rubin says. "This could be a circus."

#### Sept. 20: Jet Lag and a Jolt

"It is's A.M. in Mr. Rubin's suite overlooking Victoria Harbor, and his Meck Week XTD YTD Dividend FOLL'S STATE prediction is coming true. "We've just bad a dispute," Mr. Rubin declares as his jet-lagged aides stumble into a staff meeting.

The Japanese, technically the hosts of today's meeting of the Group of Seven finance ministers, are floating a proposal for a special fund to rescue Asian nations caught in the the cycle of currency devaluations and stock-market slides.

It is hardly an act of altruism: Japan's battered banks have lent tens of billions of dollars to build many of the projects throughout Asia that are now crashing.

Mr. Rubin wants to head off the idea fast. It could amount to an "Asia-for-Asians fund," be says, undercutting American interests. And it is far from clear that the Japanese would join Washington in insisting on the full disclosure of financial data

before a country could tap the kitty. But his biggest fear is that the mere existence of such a huge pool of money could create what bankers call a "moral bazard"; investors could sleep soundly, knowing that any Southeast Asian nation that threw economic discipline out the window would be bailed out.

'We need to find a way for investors to take a baircut when this kind of thing happens," sald Mr. Rubin, who faced heavy criticism after the bailout of Mexico in 1995 also ended up bailing out the American banks and Mexican millionaires who financed the country's unwise deci-

Late in the day, Prime Minister Mahathir steals all the beadlines, in a fiery speech blaming the "great powers" for his country's crisis and suggesting that currency trading for anything other than facilitating deals between countries is "immoral."

Mr. Rubin gives a cool response, describing currency trading as "in-



IN BEIJING: The Treasury Secretary speaks at the People's University.

tegral to a global and modern economy."

Quietly, his aides make a point of telling reporters that Malaysia's central bank was a buge speculator in the currency markets for years -and seemed unconcerned about the morality of it all while it was win-

#### Sept. 21: Sizing Up Capital-

This is supposed to be Hong Kong's big coming-out party as a Chinese city, the first buge international gathering since the July 1 handover. And China's leaders are pouring in to survey their new pearl.

If during the summer there was speculation that Hoog Kong would change China more than China would change Hong Kong, here is China's future: With 20,000 bankers in town, luxury hotels have ratcheted up their rates to more than \$500 a night.

#### Sept. 22: China's Economic

Mr. Rubin is still wrestling with Southeast Asia's problems, but over lunch with the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong he takes time out to get his mind around what is happening in the rest of China.

At the Party Congress earlier in the month, the Chinese formally embraced the economy's lurch to what the Chinese are now calling "diversified ownership." (They will not use the word "privatization" in regard to their buge, inefficient state-owned enterprises, and by midweek, Mr. Rubin has shifted his language as well)

The problem, the executives tell Mr. Rubin, is that oo one knows what "diversified ownership" means. Shareholders with real power? Continued government control?

"You have to wonder who is going to be buying all these companies,' said Jeffrey S. Muir, director of external affairs in Hong Kong for Seagram Asia Pacific, part of the Canadian beverage and entertainment giant. And if the process is too quick, others warn Mr. Rubin, a result could be buge layoffs and instability in a country where 100 million unemployed and underemployed people already wander the countryside.

There is the usual round of complaints about doing business in the Middle Kingdom — from corruption to the slow payoff on investments and lots of discussion of the precarious condition of China's banking system, which loaned billions to the near-bankrupt state-run industries.

But the Southeast Asian crisis, one banker tells Mr. Rubin, "may turn out to be a blessing for China: they can see what happens when you leave all this unattended,"

#### Sept. 23: The Free-Market Waltz .

Mr. Rubin wants the reporters traveling with him to understand that be bas just won a great diplomatic victory, even If the evidence is scarce. A meeting with Southeast Asia's finance ministers that Treasury officials feared could turn into a 'let Larry do the root depacie tasting," Mr. Rubin joked - actually turned out well.

"They all sald the same thing," Mr. Rubin declares. "In their view, they bave to stay on the path to market liberalizatioo." The ministers agreed to hold a meeting somewhere in Asia, with participants yet to be named, to talk about what to do next. The subtext: America is back in the middle of the game; the steam is out of the Japanese bailout plan.

The session is a reminder that Mr. Robin and his staff spend an enormous amount of time talking to other finance ministers and central bankers - most of wbom, these days, share a relatively common world view. With some exceptions - usually to protect their own territory they lean toward open markets, competition and deregulation. It is the politicians they work for, and the industrialists who finance elections, who resist market openings. But by and large, such characters are not

"Our finance minister can say anything he wants in a closed meeting," noted one Thai official, whose Government was teetering all week. "But what can he say when be gets

In short, finance ministers describe the world of currencies and fiscal policies the way they would like to see it - and then pray that the markets win out over political opposition. That is true even for Anwar Ibrahim, the Finance Minister of Malaysia and Mr. Mahathir's presumed successor. Meeting with Mr.

Rubin, he is backpedaling fast, offering assurances that his country whose currency hit a 26-year-low after Mr. Mahathir's Saturday speech - is not about to ban currency trad-

Mr. Rubin tried to be sympathetic; after all, be has been trotted out more than once to clean up messes after President Clinton's ill-consid-

ered comments on currencies. "I told him." he said later, "that the situation is not completely unfa-

#### Sept. 24: Touring the Heart-

miliar to me."

Like most visitors to Xi'an, Mr. Rubin tours China's most astounding archeological treasure: the army of thousands of life-size figures that protect the graves of the Chinese

emperors. But he traveled to Xi'an for ressons that have little to do with tourism. The ancient capital is on the edge of central China, not the go-go coast. Xi'an is more staid than Shanghai or Guangzhou, but it's

#### Sept. 25: Skepticism in Bel-

In 1989, during the Tiananmen Square protests, People's University in Beljing was a hotbed of anti-Government activity. But today, the students are questioning not the legitimacy of their Government, but the global push - led by the United States — to open China's markets.

After listening to a speech by Mr. Rubin, the students - presumably selected by the university - ask what he would do about shrinking the state-owned enterprises, and he responds by talking about the oeed for "a basic safety net," and a program to figure out how workers can "relocate themselves in the economy."

"We have the same problems." Mr. Rubin notes. "Bot it is the wrong answer to resist change, because you will simply stagnate."

The students are intrigued, but not convinced. "My professor told me that in Mexico there was a lot of suffering a few years ago," says Ye Bihua, a 20-year-old economics major, sounding a lot like critics of the Mexican bailout in the United States. "And I'm afraid that if we let foreign banks come to China too soon, it will cause even more troubles, like Mexico had."

Mr. Rubin ends the day by meeting Zhu Rongji, China's recently elevated economic czar, in the Great Hall of the People, Gently, he raises the subject of a big pending order for Boeing jets. Mr. Zhu laughs and tells the Treasury Secretary that he was a lot more diplomatic than Jacques Chirac, the French President, who arrived here recently insisting that China buy 100 Airbus jets.

So what about those Boeings? Mr. Rubin prodded. Mr. Zbu would only hint that another diplomatically convenient order was on the way.

#### Sept. 26: A Jovial President

The big day: Mr. Rubin's limousine zips through the gates of the guarded compound where emperors once frolicked, where Mao Zedong ordered the construction of the giant state factories - and where Jiang Zemin is now trying to turn an economy around.

Mr. Jiang is waiting for Mr. Rubin in the doorway of the Yingtai, the ornate, 300-year-old guest house where foreign dignitaries are received. "The Treasury Department is always the most important in any country," Mr. Jiang says jovially. "Meeting a Treasury Secretary makes you think you will become

What struck American participants in the meeting was that Mr. Jiang was so casual, even telling selfdeprecating jokes about how history may judge his move to freer mar-

"He was often quite philosophical," Mr. Rubin said later, "and he

clearly had a plan." And then the Treasury Secretary's

motorcade slipped out of the compound, across Tiananmen Square, where crowds watched the sunset lowering of the Chinese flag, and Mr. Rubin began the long trip back to the Washington fray.

Sources: Bank Rate Monitor; Bloomberg Financial Markets; The Bond Buyer; Datastre

#### Sept. 22-26: Jittery About Inflation, Markets Rebound on Friday on News of Slower Growth

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## Campaign Reform Picks Up Speed

From opposite ends of the Capitol, Trent Lott and Newt Gingrich have been assuring each other that campaign finance reform would never pass this year. That the two Republican leaders of Congress felt it necessary to say so was the surest sign that the opposite was true. In fact it suddenly became obvious last week that legislation hanning openended donations to parties by rich individuals, corporations and labor unions already commands majority support in both the Senate and the House. Mr. Gingrich and Mr. Lott, knowing they cannot defeat the reform legislation on the floor, must now focus on watering it down or bottling it up.

In trying to block the overhaul of a corrupt system, these two men are simply giving expression to the institutional demands of the Republican Party, which harvested even more money from special interests in the last election than the Democrats. Republicans are right to assert that the excesses committed by President Clinton and his party, including the collection of foreign money and peddling White House access to questionable characters, went far beyond what the Republicans did when they controlled the Presidency. But accessfor-dollars is a hipartisan game in Congress. When lawmakers got to work in the last few years on deregulating the telecommunications industry or revising regulations on the environment and the securities industry, millions of dollars from broadcasters, oil and gas husinesses and banks and brokerage houses flooded Capitol Hill to distort the

The public needs to be alert to the game playing under way right now. Since both parties have been feeding at the money trough, it is important that Democrats who have long championed reform, knowing that it would not pass, not load the bill with disingenuous amendments designed to repel crucial Republican votes. As for Mr. Lott, he no doubt thought he could catch McCain-Feingold supporters off guard by abruptly moving on Thursday evening to schedule the beginning of the debate for Friday morning. But Senators John McCain and Russell Feingold can now seize the opportunity the majority leader has presented them.

In the next two weeks, the Senate debate should build support for their bill to 60, the magic number needed to close off a threatened filibuster. Republicans leaning toward reform must also stand firm in opposing such poison-pill amendments as a hill requiring all union members to approve the use of their dues for political purposes. They should all beware any attempts to pass diversionary measures like greater disclosure but no other changes in the status quo.

The improving chance of legislation passing in the Senate was what stirred Mr. Gingrich to suddenly announce that reform was dead. His worst nightmare is a repetition of what happened in 1995, when the Senate passed lobbying disclosure and a ban on gifts and created an irresistible momentum in the House in spite of the Speaker's best efforts to scuttle that change. A most welcome step occurred last week when the primary sponsors of reform, Representatives Christopher Shays, a Connecticut Republican, and Martin Meehan, a Massachusetts Democrat, said they would move to pass the McCain-Feingold hill if it came over from the Senate in its current form.

In years ahead, Mr. Gingrich's sudden attempt to torpedo McCain-Feingold could be seen as a disastrous political mistake. The Speaker is beleaguered because of his earlier ethical difficulties. He is surrounded by ambitious people who want to succeed him. By working to kill off the first real chance for electoral reform in a generation, he could be greasing the skids to his own retirement. In any event, it is time for the public, the White House and reform-minded members of Congress to direct at Mr. Gingrich and the House the kind of pressure that made Mr. Lott clear the calendar for reform,

## -A Chance for Algerian Peace

significant opening for peace in Algeria. If successfully exploited, it could eventually bring an end to the horrific violence that has been tearing that country apart since 1992 and has so far cost 60,000 lives. But this precious opportunity will likely be lost unless France, which provides Algeria's militarybacked Government with diplomatic support in Europe and \$I billion a year in subsidized loans, uses its leverage to insist on a serious Government effort to negotiate a compromise peace.

The opportunity comes with the announcement that the armed wing of Algeria's main Muslim political party, the Islamic Salvation Front, will halt all terrorist attacks as of Tuesday. That will not bring an immediate end to the violence, since armed backers of the Salvation Front are responsible for only a small share of terrorist incidents. Algeria's main terrorist organization, the Armed Islamic Group, has not joined the cease-fire. But the Salvation Front's truce is significant hecause it was the Algerian Army's intervention to prevent a Front victory in elections five years ago that ignited the conflict. A compromise solution returning the Front to peaceful political life would deprive the Armed Islamic Group of its most potent cause.

Significantly, the Salvation Front's cease-fire

For the first time in years, there is a small but announcement was broadcast on Government television and radio stations and favorably commented on in the pro-Government press. Usually, these outlets give only negative coverage of the Front. But the cease-fire is a direct result of the Government's decision in July to release Abassi Madani, a Front leader and relative moderate, from prison. That conciliatory gesture, and negotiations that preceded and followed it, was the work of the Algerian Government's more conciliatory wing, which understands that force alone cannot crush Algeria's deeply rooted Islamic movement.

The moderate faction, which includes President Liamine Zeroual, has been repeatedly thwarted by generals determined to block any compromise with Islamic parties. These generals have spurned previous peace proposals and imposed an authoritarian Constitution that bans Islamic party candidates from running for office. On the Islamic side, there also are extremists opposed to compromise.

With the cease-fire announcement, and its positive reception by the Government, the moderates on both sides have now stepped forward - and onto a political limb. That limb will likely be sawed off unless Paris insists that the army allow peace negotiations or face an end to French subsidies and

#### Editoriai Notebook

#### Candidates in Search of a Story Line

conservative place than it used to be. But you still would not expect to see a mayoral campaign being waged over whether

somebody practiced radical chic in 1979. Nevertheless, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani seems to feel there is real political meat in the tactic. "Ruth Messinger Throws a Party for a Murderer," read his campaign press release, claiming that 18 years ago Ms. Messinger hosted a welcome home party for John B. Hill, an inmate who had been convicted of killing a guard during the Attica prison riots and then had his sentence commuted.

Ms. Messinger, in response, dug into her own collection of negative research and asked whether the Mayor "really wants this campaign to be about his effort to dodge the draft" - a reference to Mr. Giuliani's success in getting a deferment during the war in Vietnam. When it comes to the Mayor's distant past, Ms. Messinger might do better tarring him with the fact that, as a teen-ager, he founded an opera cluh at his high school. Several Democrats in the city's tougher neighborhoods have claimed that they dissuaded fellow party members from endorsing the Mayor by pointing out that "this is the kind of guy you used to beat up on the

Ms. Messinger says she doesn't remember whether the party for John Hill actually occurred or not. This is an excellent example of how politicians can get into more trouble explaining their deeds than for the acts themselves. A lot of people embraced causes in the 60's and 70's that they might shy away from today. But there are not many who could fail to remember having a party for a central figure in the Attica riots who had just got

out of jail for killing somebody. After some prompting, Ms. Messinger does say that holding the Hill party is something she might have done in 1979 and something she probably would not do now. Ms. Messinger is a more moderate politician than she was 20 years ago, but she seems loath to talk about how

and why. Modern American history A Statute of Limitations is full of politicians who espoused one ideology in their salad days, For Political Blunders? then successfully evolved into

something else — Robert Kennedy, Malcolm X and Ronald Reagan all wrapped their personas around the idea of political conversion. But they all had a story, a narrative that explained how they got from Point A to Point B.

American voters do not trust what seem like sudden transformations. "I wish they would take me for my word that I repudiate my past," sighed David Duke, who failed in 1991 to convince the voters of Louisiana that a religious conversion had changed him from a racist neo-Nazi into a fair-minded kinda guy. Mr. Duke, whose highest achievement in the tolerance game was opening up the Klan to female membership, had an announce-

ment, not a plot line. The Rev. Al Sharpton has a story, an account of how he has "grown" smce he was almost stabbed in death a few years ago, and learned to forgive the white man who assaulted him. The story does not seem to resonate with white voters, but it is one of the reasons that Mr. Sharpton has expanded his support among middleclass blacks. Mr. Giuliani does not require a story arc. because he seems to feel he has been moving in exactly the right direction all his life. (The Mayor is the kind of person who goes to job interviews and says that his greatest flaw is working too hard and actually believes

Ms. Messinger, however, is desperately in need of a rsonal narrative that shows the public how her thinking has evolved. She is not eager to construct one. Invited to use the Hill incident as a springboard to tell the story of how she has evolved, Ms. Messinger declined. "There are plenty of other instances where I talked about changes," she said, adding that there is no point in taiking about a party she is not sure she held.

It is a long way from "Where's the Rest of Me?"

## Victims Should Have Their Day in Court, Too

To the Editor:

Brent Staples (Editorial Observer, Sept. 22) condemns all "grieving 'victims'" by portraying us as vengeance-seeking grandstanders.
My 23-year-old daughter was murdered two years ago. I wasn't the victim; she was. My wife and I neither sought publicity nor did it find us but I vowed to do everything within my power to see that justice would be served.

The district attorney's office kept us informed of all hearings, court proceedings, plea entries and anything else pertinent to the case. Though our opinion was sought when a plea agreement was being considered, we had no veto power over their legal decisions.

We initiated contact and were grateful for being kept informed. Be-fore sentencing I was permitted to make a statement to personalize this tragedy, to let everyone in the court-room know that Tracy died before she had really lived.

Justice was served, not vengeance. Contrary to Mr. Staples, relatives of Jonathan Levin, the Manhattan schoolteacher murdered last summer, have every moral right to make themselves informed players in the legal proceedings, just as every other parent or sibling of a murder victim does, for it is their child who is not here to speak for him or NORMAN BERKOWITZ Trumbull, Conn., Sept. 22, 1997

Shedding Tears, Loudly

To the Editor: Re Brent Staples's eloquent plea to limit the testimony of the bereaved at murder trials (Editorial Observer, Sept. 22):

We are a nation of laws, not men, and the question of who can shed the most tears most loudly has no logical bearing on the immorality or the destructiveness of a crime that bas

#### Afghan Taliban Grew With U.S. Support

Your Sept. 24 news article on Kabul, the Afghan capital, describes the Taliban fundamentalist movement as emerging from villages that have "changed little in 1,000 years." Such images inaccurately depict the Taliban as part of a different world from ours and obscure the role of the United States in creating these conditions.

A thousand years ago - indeed, only two decades ago - Afghan villages were not ruled by mullahs wielding automatic weapons. But Soviet bombing of villages and the arming of Islamist parties by the United States, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia destroyed the power of the landholding tribal elites. A generation of young men who have grown up in refugee camps and in religious schools - any where, in fact, but in traditional villages - experiences new anxieties about family life and sexuality.

The Taliban soldiers did not just 'emerge" from villages. Pakistan has supported them as part of the regional jockeying over trade and pipeline routes. Iran and Russia have supported the anti-Taliban groups for related reasons. The United States policy of isolating Iran increases the pressure to build a pipeline across Afghanistan, raising the stakes. We helped create the conditions in which the Taliban grew, and we have corresponding responsibil-BARNETT R. RUBIN

Dir., Center for Preventive Action Council on Foreign Relations New York, Sept. 24, 1997

To the Editor:

A Sept. 24 news article examines the agony of Afghans under the harsh rule of the Taliban. The Taliban have deprived Afghan women of education and isolated them at home as if they were pieces of furnitures.

The Taliban's inhuman treatment of women is a result of ignorance, rigidity and deviation from the true path of Islam, which is moderation in every aspect of life. True Islam honors women and treats them with justice. Afghan women need to be rescued from the gloomy injustice of the MOHAMMAD Z. NASHIR Upper Montclair, N.J., Sept. 24, 1997

#### A Stand-Up Egg

To the Editor:

Your article on eggs (Dining In, Dining Out, Sept. 24) praises the organically produced Country Hen hrand. One reason it sells well may be that its freshness bears some relation to the date on the carton. In New York, a carton is supposed to carry a date 30 days after it was packaged. Legislators obviously consider one-month-old eggs fresh

At the store, however, I have seen dates seven weeks ahead. That seems optimistic. Put such an egg in water, and it will likely stand upright, held there by gases at one end. This indicates age. Fry one, and the yolk will lie flat instead of proud, also indicating PAUL BRODTKORB venerability. Brooklyn, Sept. 25, 1997

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already been committed.

We must also look at how this trend encourages us to view justice: are we seeking to keep innocents safe and rehabilitate malelactors, or to raise and sate a bloodlust for our own entertainment?

We're treated to enough of this mob mentality on daytime talk shows: let's keep it out of our court-MICHAEL A. CORN

Austin, Tex., Sept. 23, 1997



#### Hard-Luck Stories

To the Editor:

Brent Staples (Editorial Observer, Sept. 22) quotes Justice Antonin Scalia as saying that the Supreme Court in 1991 overthrew centuries of precedent in order to satisfy public demands when it permitted the families of murder victims to testify at capital sentencing hearings. In fact, the issue was a novel one at the time because the practice of splitting a capital trial into two parts and letting the jury determine the sentence became widespread only after 1976, when the Court first endorsed It.

However, when imposing sen-

#### Stop Drunken Driving

To the Editor:

"Alcohol Linked to 53% of Texas Road Deaths" (news item, Sept. 22) says the Texas Department of Transportation will address the problem of drunken driving by spending \$325,000 on education this year.

In most states it takes a blood alcohol content of 0.10 percent to be considered legally intoxicated. But simple reaction time usually becomes impaired at 0.04 percent and even lower in some cases.

Until the blood alcohol limit is reduced (for example, to 0.02 percent, as in Sweden), any money spent on education will be a questionable investment. KRISTINA GOLDSTEIN Harrison, N.Y., Sept. 25, 1997

#### N.C.A.A. Labyrinth

To the Editor:

"A Test of Eligibility" (Sports pages, Sept. 25) reports the dilemma of high school athletes unable to attend college because they are deemed ineligible to compete under the guidelines of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Many college coaches I interviewed underscored your article's point that the association has failed to address the information needs of high school athletes. Most alarming is the effect the information gap has on minority athletes. Many come from schools in which they receive little guidance about the requirements. The result is that the number of ineligible black student athletes has jumped to 27 percent compared with 7 percent of white student athletes.

"It is the association's duty to address the problem and resume its role as a facilitator of college JOSEPH C. SPONHOLZ Bronx, Sept. 26, 1997 The writer is the author of a book on

athletic scholarships.

#### **Intimidating Immigrants**

To the Editor:

The hardships endured by so many immigrants as a result of the harsh new immigration law (front page, Sept. 25) are compounded by the cynical way these laws have been written. On the one hand, noncitizens are faced with long periods of exile if they leave the United States after the Oct. 1 deadline.

On the other hand, unless they do leave, they will be unable to become permanent residents even if they meet all of the requirements and have been patiently waiting for ROGER ALGASE New York, Sept. 25, 1997 The writer is a lawyer.

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tence, judges have for centuries taken into account the harm done by criminals, and the question in Payne v. Tennessee was whether a sentencing jury should likewise be permitted to hear of the damage caused by the murderer. The Court felt that admitting victim impact testimony was fair, especially since under current law the accused may present virtually any evidence he wishes to persuade the jury to spare his life.

If the murderer has a right to present his hard-luck story, shouldn't the victim's survivors be en-titled to tell of the hardships he BARRY LATZER New York, Sept. 23, 1997 The writer is a professor of government at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY.

#### Mere Case Numbers

To the Editor:

I was surprised and disappointed to read Brent Staples's Sept. 22 Editorial Observer article bemoaning "victims' rights." Contrary to his view, these rights did not just all of a sudden arise out of a new "culture of revenge." Rather, they have always been present, obfuscated by the judicial system's unwillingness to see crime victims as human beings.

Instead, victims of crime are more likely to be treated as case numbers to be expediently disposed of. And the emphasis on victims' rights is a response not only to years of coddling criminals, as in plea bargaining and early releases, but also m America's money-making culture of violence, fostered in part by a cynical entertainment and news media.

Like Mr. Staples, my family and I do not consider ourselves "victims" with "special entitlements," but if the criminal who put my younger sister in ber grave is ever brought to justice. you can bet we will be in court to insure that the trial focuses on the value of the life taken and not on salvaging the murderer who decided MICHAEL G. FUSILLO to take it. New York, Sept. 25, 1997

#### Coming to Terms

To the Editor: Brent Staples's suggestion that victims' need for "bloodlust and revenge" has no place in the criminal justice process (Edimrial Observer, Sept. 22) illustrates the strong and individual feelings of surviving family members of bomicide victims.

For 18 years we have beard family members speak about the pain they feel when they are excluded from the courtroom as the fate of their child's killer is decided; the dismissive tone from prosecutors when they are asked for an update on the case, and the disregard from the parole board when it is asked about the starus of

an impending release. We respect the path Mr. Staples took to come to terms with his loss but would not suggest to survivors that any one experience is universal. In fact, one might say that Mr. Staples's article is his victim impact statement. LUCY N. FRIEDMAN Executive Director, Victim Services New York, Sept. 24, 1997

#### Emotions as Law?

To the Editor:

Thank you, Brent Staples, for saying what so sorely needed to be said ("When Grieving 'Victims' Can Sway the Courts," Editorial Observer, Sept. 22). Emotion and sympathy seem to be eclipsing justice and logic in public opinion.

If "victim impact statements" are to be taken into account when determining punishment of murderers, how does that libe with the notion that all lives are of equal value? What about those murder victims whose friends and relatives are not articulate, or are not good at demonstrating emotion? And what about those who have no

friends or relatives, or who perhaps iust weren't nice people? Their murders may not have caused as many people to suffer a wrenching and publicly demonstrable loss, but isn't the court the place where that sort of thing isn't supposed to matter? I know that if anyone I loved was

murdered, I would get great satisfaction from killing the perpetrator with my bare hands. But I have never been under the impression that my emotions should be the basis of law. MARIA M. COHEN Woodmere, N.Y., Sept. 23, 1997

#### Food for the Hungry

To the Editor:

"Cutting Waste Can Be a Waste" (Week in Review, Sept. 21) focused on a handful of critics who believe that recovering excess food is a waste of time because it doesn't pay off economically. But that food adds up to 96 billion pounds a year — nearly a third of the United States food supply.

I agree that food waste is a sign of our prosperity and agricultural abundance. But amid all this plenty. nearly 12 million Americans may face food insecurity this year.

Food recovery is a highly organized effort to rescue mass quantities of excess, edible food throughout the commercial food chain. There is no large "bureaucracy." This movement is driven by private businesses, charities and citizens, with the encouragement of Government. A strong Federal safety net must always be our first line of defense, but public programs should never be an excuse for private apathy. Dan GLICKMAN

Secretary of Agriculture Washington, Sept. 25, 1997

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The alarm that couldn't be ignored

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A funeral was being held at the Morn-

ing Star Baptist Church in the tough

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man, bad been shot in the head while

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"There he is!" erupted. Pandemo-

nium ensued as a gang of youths wearing black hoods chased one of the

mourners around the church. The

mourner, a young man, was unable to

escape. He was cornered near the

The mourner survived but there

was no way to deny, as one observer

noted last week, that the madness had

gone over the top. After the so-called

'Morning Star incident" it was im-

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And it was not just Boston, The

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Morning Star was evidence of the

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to plague black communities across

face at Morning Star," said the Rev.

Eugene F. Rivers 3d, a straight-talk-

ing preacher who heads the Azusa

Christian Community in Boston's

Dorchester neighborhood, He was

part of a group of ministers that vis-

ited Morning Star a few days after the

sanctuary," he said, "and we realized

that we had to step up our involve-

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ed not just from the church but from

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community were going to be over-

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## Iran Girds For War

WASHINGTON In the 80's, Israel's Mossad warned of ouclear weaponry being developed secretly by Saddam Hussein. The C.I.A. disagreed; "not for 10 years" was its complacent judgment, which warped Bush Administration policy. Now everyone admits that Mossad bad it right.

One year ago, Israel shared with our Defense Intelligence Agency Mossad's evidence and conclusions about a new proliferation threat from a supporter of terrorism.

We already knew that Iran was developing ouclear, biological and chemical weapons. What we did not know was this: "Massive Russian assistance and close cooperation with Iran are enabling the Iranian regime to develop independent capabilities to produce medium-range ballistic missile systems within a very short

Every nation in the Near East uses a simple test to determine Iran's military mtentions: the range of the missiles it seeks to build. As long as that range stayed short of 700 miles, Saudis, Turks and Israelis did not become unduly alarmed. But technical and humint sources revealed Shahab-3 and -4, missiles ranging up to 1,240 miles and threatening many capitals (not to mention 20,000 U.S. military personnel in the vicinity). Thus did Iran signal aggressive intentions.

Early this year, mindful of past complacency, our D.I.A. confirmed the Mossad's information. It did not dispute the prediction that mid-range missiles were within 18 months to two years of production inside Iran, And it agreed that in many ways, Russians under loose Moscow control were making the new threat possible.

Boris Yeltsin, at the June G-8 meeting in Denver, denied all. Because President Clinton did not want to use space aid or LM.F. support for coer-

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and the second s · cion, he could only warn that Congress would cut back ald if Moscow persisted in its Teheran adventure.

Israel then went public. Bill Gertz of The Washingtoo Times wrote an exclusive series this month detailing some of the Mossad's findings corroborated by U.S. intelligence. Congress is now awake to Russia's breach of its arms proliferation agreement, despite our State Department's admonition to Israel not to take its case there.

In Moscow last week, Vice President Gore had to publicly remind Prime Minister Chernomyrdin about Iran's ."vigorous" ouclear missile buildup. Privately the Russians reminded the Americans that they had fired Aleksandr Kotelkin last month as head of the nation's arms export agency, Rosvooruzhenie, identified by Western agencies as riddled with corruption in the transfer of missile technology.

Gore thinks the threat is being countered by an investigating team headed by our diplomat Frank Wisner and their space agency head. Yuri Koptey.

The trouble is that Koptev — whose control over Russia's space technology is symbolized by the condition of the Mir space station - is suspected of being part of the problem. Russian scientists are desperate for money, which Iran offers under the table. The trick for Koptev would be to keep America's financial support while turning a blind eye to the money seeping up from Teheran.

In addition to the secret missile help, hundreds of Russian scientists are openly in Iran building its Bushehr "civilian" reactor. But fran sits on a sea of cheap oil energy; its only reason for a nuclear reactor is to produce plutonium isotopes for bombs.

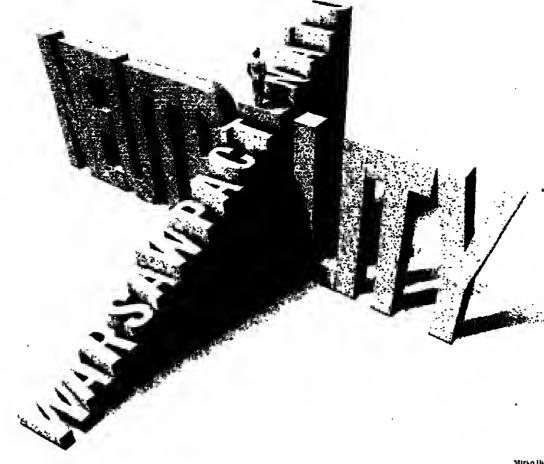
Chernomyrdin would not budge on his "commitment" to a ouclear Iran, and as a sop to Congress offered to let the U.S. see the new plant; the rebuffed Gore replied dryly, "joint monitoring is the least of our concerns."

Set aside differences about West Bank dealings that dominate the headlines. We see developing a fundamental split in the strategic views of Israel and the Clinton Administration over matters affecting national survival.

Israel's Netanyahu views Iran, with its inflammatory rhetoric now backed up with its cool decision to build missiles with warheads that could incinerate Tel Aviv, as Israel's gravest

America's Clinton views our relationship with Russia, with its ouclear capacity and internal instability and democratic potential, as our top priority; accordingly, he tolerates Russia's open and secret support of Iran's bid for nuclear missile coverage of Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabla and Turkey.

America sometimes must act unilaterally and trust that its allies will understand. Same with Israel. Before Iran's invitation to pre-empt grows more blatant, Mr. Gore should sit down with Mr. Clinton to reassess his Russian priority.



## Democracy Without Borders

By Peter Nadas

BUOAPEST o one had ever asked anyone in Hungary whether the country wisbed to join the Warsaw Pact, the military union of the Eastern bloc, Yet on May 14, 1955, Hungary became a founding member of the pact, membership immediately becoming one of the most incontrovertible requirements of the Communist dictatorship.

One cannot help but remember this today, when the question is whether Hungary should join NATO or, rather, whether member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will accept Hungary's application.

One cannot forget Imre Nagy, the short man with the pince-nez, the Communist Prime Minister of the 1956 revolution who, on Nov. 1, 1956, announced Hungary's unilateral withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, and "with the most profound sense of responsibility toward the Hungarian people, and history, declared the country's neutrality.

The response, in the form of Russian armored divisions, came in three days. It took that long because Nīkita Khrushchev had to convince Marsbal Tito of Yugoslavia that the bloody military adventure was imperative. They conferred on the island of Brioni, where, on top of everything else, the weather was so stormy that planes could neither take off nor land. It had also become clear during those

#### The West deserted us once. Will it welcome us now?

three days that none of the Western powers could guarantee the neutrality of the small Central European country without raising the threat of another world war.

So much for the declared neutrality. Budapest was laid waste. Two thousand seven hundred people were killed in the fighting. Several bundred thousand people fled across the western border. In the following months 235 freedom fighters were executed; thousands were jailed or thrown into detectioo camps. Imre Nagy was condemned to death at a secret trial; the sentence was made public only after the execution bad been carried out.

I remember standing on the street, the newspaper in my hand, under the leaden sky. .

An old story, someone might say if we didn't carry our past with us each of us, all the time - and if stories and events did not always have an unbroken continuity. But it is my conviction that at the time it was not only in desolated Budapest that European Ideals of liberty bad ceased to breathe for a long time to come but also in the rest of Europe.

The Hungarians waited in vain; the Americans did not come; nor could the great European oeighbors do anything except take in the refugees and send us Danish cheese and Dutch butter. It was during those days and while feeling "bumiliated by this charity" that Heinrich Böll, the German oovelist, wrote the terrifying words, "There is no other possibility. after all," which, from the perspective of so many years, is a particular-

ly noteworthy admission. And for me, today, it still means what it did then, that citizens of the great democracies realized, perhaps for the first time, that responsibility for the fate of democratic communities is inherent in the political reality of democracies. With some trepidation, they also sensed that ultimately

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it would be more reasonable to adjust their principles to the realities of their own security and economic policies. They failed to reconcile their emotions with their thinking.

That is how things stood, unquestioned for decades. In 1968 it was the Czechs, in 1981 the Poles, who, in their respective struggles for independence, lived through experiences similar to those of Hungary. In the political, military and diplomatic impotence later displayed by the European democracies during the war in Yugoslavia, the same pattern prevailed. The pattern did not permit the recoocillation of emotions with thoughts, the common interest of democracies with individual oatiooal interests.

Yet, it is precisely in critical situations that nations ought to understand - using plain common sense - that in the long run the lack of soildarity will cause suffering not only to the country that oeeds that solidarity, but also to the one that, alleging pressing national concerns, denies it.

I feel it is important to mention all this at the moment when the American Senate and the parliaments of member oations are considering whether to support NATO's eastward expansion, and when the Hungarian Government is asking voters whether the country should be a member of this military organization. These questions are far from mere formalities. The answers will tell us whether democracies have a common interest at all, and how strong the interests of

individual nations are in opposing it. Hungary's neutrality has many supporters at home. According to a Gallup poll, 27 percent of those asked are against NATO membership. The surprisingly high number may be explained, in part, by the fact that even in the last century, a driving force in the war against the Austrian imperial house was the desire for military independence. It is also possible that not everyone who professes to be for the country's neutrality is necessarily oeutral about the oew democracy.

Be that as it may, reticence, blding one's time, fear of active interference on one's own behalf and of performing in the international arena. are deep-seated traits in Hungarian mentality. Though no less deeply embedded in the same meotality are a good sense for political realities, healthy curiosity, inventiveness and a keen ability to recognize situations for what they are.

The answer of 61 percent of those polled offers evideoce of these latter tralts. They think Hungary should join NATO. This is the majority that probably has no faith in declarations of neutrality, and most likely-never believed that the coercive Warsaw Pact, which it was forced to join, was anything like the democratically supervised North Atlantic Treaty Organization. And perhaps this majority does not want to eat any more Danish cheese and Dutch butter while cowering in air-raid shelters resounding with the noise of shelling. Most Hungarians support joining NATO not because they are insanely militaristic, but because they believe in democracy.

The supporters of neutrality are not nearly as united. Based on significantly differing platforms, 13 civil organizations and two extra-parliamentary parties would like to block Hungary's entry into NATO. Only five of these organizations bave attracted genuine pacifists, anti-militarists or anarchists - the traditional adhereots of military independence or political neutrality. The rest of them have managed to recruit mostly the familiar enemies of democracy: crypto-Communists and crypto-fascists.

Although they can barely communicate even among themselves, every one of these groups hopes that before the piebiscite, scheduled for Nov. 16, it will be able to sway those who are still undecided.

I bave felt duty bound to relate the above in such detail so that everyone might see clearly whose position in my country is strengthened and whose is weakened by the arguments, pro and con, now taking place m the international arena. But even considering a worst-case sceoario --

rejection by NATO — I don't believe that the democracies of the Czech Republic, Poland or Hungary would be shaken in their foundations. They are all too strong for that,

My own opinion is the spitting image of that held by Sir Ralf Dahrendorf, former director of the London School of Economics, who approves of NATO's eastward expansion. though he judges this to be only the second-best solution.

The best solution would be for us to join the European Union, But in Sir Dahrendorf's view, "the European Union has been an utter fallure, and will continue to be one, because, regarding their entry io the near future, it still isn't telling the truth to the East Europeans."

These countries ought to be aware that "Germany and France will block their entry," he said. "And that is why in the meantime we must do everything to protect and nurture the democratic potentials of these countries. And to do that, we have no other possibility but to enlarge NATO to the east."

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The ministers formed a group

called the Ten-Point Coalition, which

Mr. Rivers described as a collective

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effort to counter the myriad problems faced by black and Latino youngsters. especially those that lead to violence.

It is not a bogus effort. Ministers and lay people went into the streets and engaged the youngsters. Some of the kids needed little more than a safe place to play. Others needed to be diverted from the commission of a homicide. In between were such issues as fatherlessness, child abuse and neglect, the abuse and sale of drugs, problems in the classroom, teen-age pregnancy, incarceration and chronic joblessness.

A drug dealer named Selven Brown, now deceased, was for a time the most powerful person in Mr. Rivers's neighborhood. He told Mr. Rivers: "You literally have to take my place. I worked very hard to corrupt these children."

The ministers and their followers went wherever the problems took them. They formed alliances with the Police Department, the business community and government leaders. They went to court on behalf of children in trouble. They sat and listened to kids who simply wanted to talk.

Crime in Boston has declined sharply over the past few years. Shootings, especially those involving juveniles, are way down. The last time a juvenile was killed with a firearm was in July 1995.

There are many reasons for the drop in crime, including more aggressive policing. But a key reason, according to almost all observers, including Mayor Thomas Menino and the Police Commissioner, Paul Evans, has been the heroic and intelligent and sensitive work of the ministers of the Ten-Point Coalition.

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## Dylan: A Wiser Voice Is Blowin' in the Autumn Wind

By JON PARELES

SANTA MONICA, Calif. OB DYLAN CAN BARELY sit still. He pulls at his curly bair, fidgets with his black T-shirt, constantly shifts position on a comfortable couch. Sitting in his publicist's oceanside hotel suite for a rare interview, the songwriter who transformed rock is in a jovial mood. He's wearing two-tone patentleather shoes, there's a twinkle in his blue eves, and be smiles easily and often.

Dylan is proud of his new album, "Time Out of Mind," and rightfully so. The album, to be released on Tuesday, is far and away his best sustained work since the mid-1970's; it reaches the exalted level of "Blood on the Tracks." His new songs - his first set of them since 1990 - are embittered, heartsick and weary: "When you think that you've-lost everything, you find out you can always lose a little more," be sings in a rasping voice whose familiar cracks have become potboles. It's the voice of a 56-year-old man who's not hiding any of his bruises. Yet the character who runs through all the songs on the album seems nothing like the relaxed, buoyant songwriter who's talking about them. Asked who the woman was who broke his beart in song after song, he laughs and asks, "Which one? Which song?"

"That's just the nature of my personality," he says. "I can be jubilant one moment and pensive the next, and a cloud could go by and make that happen. I'm inconsistent, even to

During a recording career that now spans 35 years, Dylan has been a cornucopia of inconsistency. Visionary and crank, innovator and conservator, irritant and stimulant, skeptic and proselytizer, rebei and sellout, pathfinder and lost patrol: Dylan has been all of those things, and many more. He may well be the most restless figure in rock history, constitutionally incapable of doing the same thing twice. Apparently he meant it when be sang, in 1965, that artists "don't look back." "Time Out of Mind" is typical Dylan only because it eludes expectations,

In the 1960's, Dylan taught folk singers how to transcend the topical, then taught rock songwriters how to think about something more than the next romance. Casually, he created whole genres: folk rock, country rock and what's now called Americana. Every facet of his 1960's music has been imitated, lately by his son Jakob's band, the Wallflowers. Through the 1970's and 1980's, Dylan followed more wayward, less reliable insplrations. He created the rock-and-roll caravan called Rolling Thunder. He embraced bornagain Christianity and then returned to Juda-

Bob Dylan is still unpredictable. In his first new songs since 1990, he tells of heartache and mortality.

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commercial At first deliberately, and even after he repudiated the role, be became a voice for the baby-boomer generation by singing what was on his mind. Just ahead of many of his listeners, he moved from political fervor and apocalyptic visions to marriage and divorce, from searching for faith to grumbling at the nightly news. Since his bitter divorce from the former Sara Lowndes in the late 1970's, which left her with custody of her five children, including the four they bad had together, be bas had a home in Malibu, Calif. and kept his private life private. But his reactions to people, ideas and the world have resounded in his songs.

Year in and year out, almost constantly since 1988, Dylan bas hit the road. He bas become an Itinerant musician like the bluesmen and hillbilly troubadours who were his musical education, although his endless tour includes dates like the 1993 inaugural celebration for Bill Clinton and a scheduled show Sept. 27 in Italy, before the Pope. "Night or day, it doesn't matter where I go anymore, I just go," be sings m "Can't Wait."

"A int of people don't like the road," he says, "but it's as natural to me as breathing. I do it because I'm driven to do it, and I either hate it or love it. I'm mortified to be oo the stage, but then again, it's the only place where I'm happy. It's the only place you can be who you want to be. You can't be wbo you want to be in daily life. I don't care who you are, you're going to be disappointed in daily life. But the cure-all for all that is to get on the stage, and that's why performers do It. But in saying that. I don't want to put on the mask of celebrity. I'd rather just do my work and see it as a trade."

During the 1990's, touring with his best group since he was backed by the Band, Dylan has garnered a new audience. His shows a decade ago, often yelled or sung in a monotone, exasperated even longtime fans. But at Dylan concerts lately, collegiate types in the tie-dyed shirts of Deadheads have



FOREVER RESTLESS: At 56, Bob Dylan is more reflective as his voice gets raspier. 'Tve written some songs that I look at, and they just give me a sense of awe."

visatory side, knowing be sings his songs differently at every show.

"I like those people who come to see me now," Dylan says. "They're not aware of my early days, but I'm glad of that. It lifts that burden of responsibility, of having to play everything exactly like it was on some certain record. I can't do that. Which way the wind is blowing, they're going to come out different every time, but the intent is going to

"I've got to know that I'm singing something with truth to it. My songs are different than anybody else's songs. Other artists can get by on their voices and their style, but my songs speak volume and all I have to to is lay them down correctly, lyrically, and they'll do what they need to do."

"Time Out of Mind" (Columbia) is hleak and riveting. Its Il songs are about the loneliness, anger and desolation of lost love, and about looming mortality. (The album was recorded before Dylan was hospitalized over the summer with a life-threatening ism. He toured with the Grateful Dead and joined balding baby-boomer loyalists. Audi- beart infection.) "I've been wallding through

He has rarely sounded optimistic; spite and self-righteous contempt animate many of his best songs. But "Time Out of Mind" provides fewer comforts than ever.

Many of the songs echo the chord structures of 1960's classics like "Ballad of a Thin Man" and "Just Like a Woman," but with the youthful cockiness of those sessions turned inside out. The producer Daniel Lanois (who has also worked with U2, Peter Gabriel and Emmylou Harris) makes the band sound as if it is coalescing on the spot. Instruments enter one by one, feeling their way into the tunes as if they're sneaking into a speak-easy jam session.

Yet the impromptu, unsettled sound is a deliberate choice. "I wasn't interested in making a record that took the songs and made them into a contemporary setting," Dylan says. "My music, my songs, they have very little to do with technology. They either work or they don't work.

"These songs, I felt, were more all-encompassing. They were more filled with the want blueprints, I wanted the real thing. When the songs are done right they're done right, and that's it. They're written in stone when they're done right."

Instead of constructing the music layer by layer, Dylan worked through the songs with his musicians, including the Tex-Mex electric-organ legend Augie Meyers, the guitarist Duke Robillard and the linchpin of Dylan's touring hand, Tony Garnier on bass. Nearly everything on the album, including vocals, was recorded live in the studio.

The blues has always been a Dylan touchstone, for both words and music. In many ways, his groundbreaking 1960's songs were transmuted blues, from the surreal juxtapositions of the lyrics to the rough-hewn vocals to the blues bands he hired when he plugged in. Throughout "Time Out of Mind," Dylan quotes hoary blues lines like "Going down the road feeling bad." And in his maturity, he is closer than ever to the clear-eyed fatalism of classic blues. In song after song, the singer walks down dark, empty roads, muttering accusations at a woman who left him; he's still wishing she would come back and wondering, in one song, whether he would kiss her or kill her if she did.

When he's not brooding over shattered romance, be's feeling his age and contemplating death. In the 17-minute "Highlands," he watches young people drinking and dancing, and his voice grows hollow with sadness: "I'd trade places with any of 'em in a minute if I could.

"I can't help those feelings," he says. "I'm not going to try to make a fake Pollyanna view. Why would I even want to? And I'm not going to deny them just because they might be a little dismal to look at I try to let it speak for Itself, but I'm not emotionally involved in it. I can deliver the message. I learned a while ago not to get personally involved, because if you're personally involved you're going to go over the top."

"There's a lot of clever people around who write songs," Dylan says. "My songs, what makes them different is that there's a founic to them. That's why they're still

. . . that's why my songs are still being performed. It's not because they're such great songs. They don't fall into the commercial category. They're not written to be performed by other people. But they're standing on a strong foundation, and subliminally that's what people are hearing.

"Those old songs are my lexicon and my prayer book," he adds. "All my beliefs come out of those old songs, literally, anything from 'Let Me Rest on That Peaceful Mountain' to 'Keep on the Sunny Side.' You can find all my philosophy in those old songs. I believe in a God of time and space, but if people ask me about that, my impulse is to point them back toward those songs. I beism. He toured with the Grateful Dead and joined balding baby-boomer loyalists. Audi-beart infection.) "I've been walking through dread realities of life."

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## Acting Across a Class Divide

By SARAH LYALL

O, RUPERT GRAVES IS not Rupert Everett, and he did not appear in "My Best Friend's Wedding' (please don't ask). But although the chameleonlike Mr. Graves, who made his screen debut 12 years ago playing Helena Bonham Carter's younger brother in "A Room With a View," seems currently to be the Other Rupert of British films, he doesn't really mind. For one thing, be has been an enormous blt here recently in a revival of the David Rabe play "Hurlyburly." ("It is worth crawling over broken glass to get to this production," concluded the radio arts program "Kaleidoscope.")

At the same time, Mr. Graves is in three films — each wildly different from the others - that are in theaters now or opening soon. In "Different for Girls," which

opened Sept. I2, he plays Paul Prentice, a loud, crude motorcycle messenger who finds himself inexorably drawn to an old school friend wbo has become a woman. In "Intimate Relations," which

opened Sept. 19 and is based on the events leading to a real-life murder trial in 1956, he plays the hapless lodger Harold Guppy, whose twisted relationship with a mother and her daughter, combined with violent tendencies, leads to tragedy all around.

And in a film version of Virginia Woolf's "Mrs. Dalloway" that is to open in the United States early next year, starring Vanessa Redgrave, he plays Septimus Warren Smith, the shell-shocked World War I vet whose downward spiral into suicidal madness forms the story's moral center.

For the last few months, though. Mr. Graves's mind has been on "Hurlyburly," Mr. Rabe's punishing play about Hollywood (he plays Eddie, the cruel and manipulative casting director). A midrun series of rehearsals for the play, on the occasion of its moving to the West End from the Old Vic, all but exhausted the intense, brown-eyed actor, who during a conversation recently looked pale, tired and far more delicate than he appears on screen. When he opened his mouth, however, his voluble energy was apparent.

"If I look baggard, it's because of this play," be explained. "I'm absolurely sawn off at the knees. It's a buge, monstrous, unwieldy play. You don't piay it; you wrestle it. Sometimes the play wins, and sometimes

In Britain, an accent often gives away a person's background right away, but Mr. Graves, who is 44, has



MAN AS VICTIM: Mr. Graves as the veteran in "Mrs. Dalloway."

a strangely hard-to-pin-down voice. the result of locution lessons be took long ago to cure a childish stutter. His real accent, he says, is pure West Country, from his hometown of Weston-Super-Mare. It was there that be sang in a punk band called A New Lumbago and worked at his first jobs: as a dishwasher in a fish-andchip shop and as a clown named Tomato in a circus. At the age of 18, he auditioned for and won his first part on the London stage, playing the unhappy son of Kenneth Grahame, the author of "The Wind in the Willows," in "The Killing of Mr. Toad."

Mr. Graves's real accent was most definitely one he could not employ for his memorable performance as the sweet and vaguely off-the-wall Freddie Honeychurch in'"A Room With a View," a film he fell into because its casting director saw him m"Mr. Toad." "I had the same kind of eyebrows that Helena Bonham Carter bad," Mr. Graves explained, "and they wanted a slight wild card to play the part."

Speaking of his character in "Intimate Relations," whose infuriating passivity lands him in most serious trouble, Mr. Graves said be bad sought to portray Harold, whose violent nature is triggered by imbalances in his blood sugar levels, sympathetically, but only up to a point.

I worried that I was too sympathetic," he said. "Here is a person who bas no ability to think on his own and can't pursue his will. I wanted to show that his violence isn't a machis-

mo; it really is a monstrous thing." The film is effective in re-creating the Britain of the 1950's, when the country was still in postwar shock. "England was in a terrible state, and there was a kind of weird feeling in the air," said Mr. Graves, "Whole towns bad been razed; everybody knew somebody who'd been maimed or killed; everyone was bankrupt, and everybody was saying 'Every-thing's fine, everything's fine.'" Though the film had mixed reviews, Mr. Graves's performance came in for praise, with The Sunday Telegraph calling him "one of the dishiest and most exciting English actors today."

With his long experience, Mr. Graves is quite sure what he does and doesn't want in the way of work. One thing be does not want to do is act in more movies like "The Sheltering Desert," a work unreleased in the United States in which he played a draft-dodging German in Namibla whose job was to "go around in a jeep, basically, and fire at other Germans," and which he regards as the nadir of his career.

"I'm not very good at bustling," he said. "I don't know what the rules are, and I think there's enough trash in the world without my having to add to it. I hate sounding like I'm taking the moral high ground; but it really is true that some things interest me and other things I won't do because they don't. And I'm not very good at things I don't want to do."

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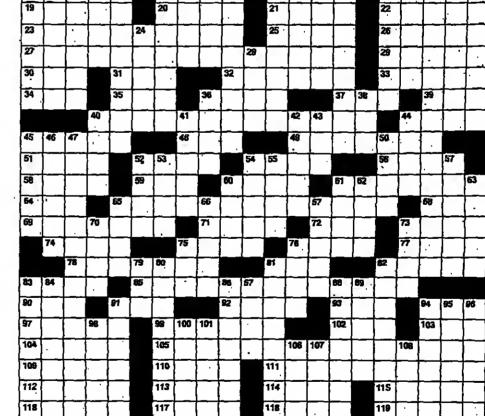
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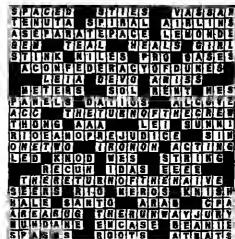
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## Telling troubles, from left to right

or those of us whose Hebrew still falls somewhere short of fluent, even a mix-up at the Same property of the same of t bank or a problem at our children's school can be a trial. In the midst of a real trauma, we don't want to need to remember how to conjugate the huph'al.

A new hotline for English speakers will be ready to start taking calls in mid-November, said Professor Joshua Ritchie, founder of the Crisis Counseling Center. The help-line, called Milev ("From the Heart"), will operate out of a Jerusalem office donated by Shaare Zedek Medical Center, and will be run by an all-volunteer staff.

In June, Ritchie and his first few recruits began putting up flyers announcing a training course in English for counselors. Since then, Ritchie said, over 200 people answered the ad and 75 have already been trained to take calls.

Ritchie worked as a family physician until a few years ago, when cancer left him unable to continue. Since retiring, be said, he had been looking for a way to continue caring

"I think this is a desperately needed service, and 200 volunteers think it is desperately needed," Ritchie said. "Most of the people who have called have said, "When I went through my crisis, there was no oneto help me. I want to be able to help

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Israel because of its abundance of

American Jews winter in Miami;

European birds winter in Africa.

Israel, as the crossroads of the three

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path to and from their winter homes.

Per square kilometer, Israel sees

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new volunteers explain what made them want to get involved. Two had been witnesses of the recent suicide bombings. One had recently been

diagnosed with cancer. Others remembered feeling lonely or isolated in a new country and wanted to assist others dealing with the same problems.

Some volunteers had been counselors on hotlines in other countries: others had never done this kind of work before.

During the training, they paired off and did role playing, taking turns being caller and counselor. Ritchie and his wife Lillian listened and gave suggestions on how to deal with difficult simutions.

They stressed that counselors need to be non-judgmental. An Orthodox Jew, Ritchie lamented that the religious and secular communities tend to be so judgmental of each other. "We don't want to be critical. We want to hear the human being who is in pain," he said. Although there are other hoffines

in Israel with volunteers who understand English, Ritchie feels there is also a cultural factor.

Even if you know Hebrew or

they know English, you aren't speaking the same language."

This is endemic to the Englishspeaking community," said Shari Grama, the project's administrator. Just being in Israel can be a crisis. Being a foreigner can be a crisis."

When you're in crisis and floundering in Hebrew,

the whole idea of aliya can seem like a terrible

mistake. Allison Ofanansky investigates

a new crisis hotline - in English

Miley will fill a niche that the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel or private therapists can't. Both the caller and the counselor will remain completely

"Even though there may be over 100,000 English-speakers here, that turns out to be a very small world," Ritchie said. To protect that anonymity, the center requests that phone volunteers not be identified

"If sumeone knows they'll be talking to me, they may as well come see me in my office, and that's a totally different relationship," said a physician who has been in Israel for four years and is one of the hotline supervisors. What we offer are anonymous ears."

Miller's four phone lines will be open for 15 hours a day (9 a.m. to midnight) at the beginning, but Ritchie hopes to expand to 24-hour they're just flopping around in

service as more people are trained. The volunteers will work in pairs, a more experienced counselor working with a newer one. Supervisors will be on call to assist, and Ritchie will always be available for advice.

"Most people tend to shrink when someone comes to them in emotional distress. It can be very draining," said Lillian Ritchie, who works as her husband's partner. "But I am impressed with the caliber of people who have volunteered. We have doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, social

One psychologist who is taking the training course is a survivor of the Ben-Yehuda Street bombing.

"When the first bomb went off," she said, "I went over to help. Then another bomb went off right near me. In a matter of seconds, I went from helper to victim. I feel an incessant need to do something productive from this."

Some professionals got involved with Millev because they are not yet able to work in their fields in Hebrew. "This is also a service for the volunteers." Grama said. "People want to give, and feel like

Hebrew. This is giving people a chance to give."

"We want the entire Englishspeaking community to know about this," said Suzannah Radnay, who came to Israel from Montreal four months ago. Radnay, who worked as a management consultant in Canada, is helping with public rela-

tions and fund-raising. "When you're in a panic, you don't want to have to deal with your broken Hebrew. People can call about anything. It can be something as simple as 'I just lost my passport. What do I do?""

As part of the service, the center is compiling a referral directory. Grama said. Callers can be given information not only about what organizations exist, but to what extent they are equipped to deal with English speakers.

We hope to reach not just English-speaking immigrants, but the Christian community too -Palestinians, people in Jordan; anyone who feels more comfortable speaking in English," said a doctor who is volunteering as a counselor. "Anyone who has a phone line and

is feeling lonely can call." Sometimes, just the fact that somebody cares enough to be there to answer the phone can be helpful." said Ritchie. "Our first duty is to lis-

The phone number for Milley is (02) 654-1111. People interested in volunteer training courses should contact Ritchie at (02) 643-6771.

its birdwatching packages to the for-

eign market, Israelis, who are more

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The SPNI is trying to create more

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watch birds. All you really need is to

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Watching birds always excites

something above us," says

Leshem, a biology professor.

"When I study the birds, I realize

For more information, call the Kfar

Ruppin Bird-Watching Center at (06) 658-9396.

there is so much I don't know."

ers, biology, weather and birds.

## From the desk of...

new, really. It's the oldest desk in the building.

If desks could talk (and modern science has yet to prove they can't), this one would be in a book of records under "World's Most Loquacious Desk, The." I haven't had it carbon-dated -

that is, I can't find a carbon copy of the original sales stip in its drawer because the drawer no longer exists - but according to old-timers this was here, this was Gershon Agron's desk when he founded the Jay Pee (then known as the Pee

Pec) in 1932. The desk is an old slab of wood about half a dunam big, propped

wonkily on two smaller vertical slabs; simple, inelegant, ansære. Here and there, little dribbles of white-out adom it, which throttles modern-day assumptions that Gershon the Great was flawless. Still more intriguing are the hieroglyphic doodles etched into the molding, proof that even in this hottest of hot-seats, at the vortex of the newsiest city in the world, there were moments of

boredom. I think this desk is haunted. I'm not sare, but every time I send a column from my computer. I hear a voice. "Copy boy! Copy boy! Co-o-o-py boy-y-y-y-y!" - followed by a sort of Russian-

've got a new desk. Well, not though my computer is so old new, really. It's the oldest that nah, it wouldn't be that old. For that matter, I'm sure this tabletop never before saw a

mouse. Or a hockey puck, which I use as a paperweight. The desk (also the puck) hasn't seen much action since I began using it. Not like the old days. The good old



against blackouts. curfews, sieges. bombs and the censor. (The censor was the only force ever able to keep this paper

Arab

from publishing, and only once: on October 7, 1936. I imagine Agron pounded this desk a few times that day.)

Oh, the headaches circulation as low as 2,000; losing 12 of his 45 staffers to volunteer enlistment during The War To End All Wars II; having to yank Ferd'nand for lack of space (that's been a consideration almost daily since it first appeared on July 3, 1938) and, lest we forget, the biggest headache of all: February 1, 1948.

That was the day this desk almost died, the day The Palestine Post was bombed.

#### An old slab of wood, inelegant, austere. But what a history!

accented growl. If I believed in ghosts. I'd say this one was troubled by what has become of the desk. Or perhaps the city. (That the city is haunted is widely

acknowledged.) I can only hope G.A.'s ghost has better things to do than hang around here, spooking me. G.A., of course, went on to become mayor of Jerusalem, and though he didn't take his old desk with him to City Hall, that's where his apparition should be lurking.

There's magic in the thought that where I put my hands, so did G.A. before me, but with cufflinks. Arm's distance from where -I now sit, membling young cub reporters looked to awe and terror at a round, bespectacled face that could make or break their careers with a single word.

Where I look dumbly at a garden-variety plant, G.A. faced the Weizmann, Sharett, Berlyne.

Perhaps exactly where my computer is now, a galley bearing the upper-case headline STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN was being red-penciled.

So maybe that's it: Ghosts hate progress. A computer on Agron's desk is spiritually provocative,

I don't know if Agron was at his desk at that moment, but if he was, I'll bet the next moment he was under it. It's big enough, and solid enough, to have withstood

the upper floors falling on it. From this desk came the terse order that same day to publish, bombs be damned.

Sitting at Gershon Agron's desk, I can't help but wonder what his chair was like. Because no matter what I sit on, my feet don't reach the floor if I want my hands to concurrently rest on the desktop, which I do. This desk was built for someone seven feet tall, which Agron was not.

-My guess is that dangling feet was a small price to pay to sit high at a huge desk, which creates the desirable effect of dwarfiog anyone seated at the other side of it.

I should affix a plaque reading "Gershon Agron Loomed" Some day, I suppose, they'll haul this desk off to some museum and give me a mass-produced

fake-veneer factory piece instead. Though to tell you the truth, I'd rather take the old thing with me into City Hall - I mean, if I ever become mayor, as occupants of this desk tend to do.

#### Kibbutzim: Birds' stopover, birdlovers' Disneyland By AMY KLEIN hat is it about birdwatching that makes it the No. 2 hobby in the world? (It's right behind gardening and somewhere ahead of stamp collecting and macrame.) "I think everyone, when they're young, dreams of being able to fly." explains Dr. Yossi Leshem, one of the world's foremost experts on Like piloting, skydiving, hang gliding or any other airborne activity, birdwatching may be the way

The kingfisher spends nine to 10 months in Israel and can be seen at Kfar Ruppin.

rings on the birds' legs, according to international procedure, to study them and their migration paths and share the information with the rest

the highest concentration of birds in the world. And it's an especially diverse lot over 400 different species. Our small country sees about 500 million birds per migrating season - resident, migrating, wintering and breeding. Them's a Israel to watch the birds.

The birds are nothing new. Neither are the ringing stations "too small" for them.)

What is new is that the kibbutzim have realized they have a veritable Disacyland for birdlovers. The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) - of which

the national birdwatching society is a branch - together with kibbutzim around the country are trying to attract foreign tourists to come to

Jossef "Jucha" Engel, director of the SPNT's Tourist Department, esti-

located in the Jordan Valley, where mates that they can bring between the area also have guest houses, and hers to Israel if the niche is developed properly. (The Ministry of Tourism is not involved because those numbers are

> For example, Kfar Ruppin, a kibbutz near Beit She'an which houses a birdwatching and ringing center, is offering a package tour. A private double room with TV, sir-conditioning, heating and bathroom costs NIS 220 per couple on weekends, NIS 200 during the week. At their less expensive hostel (4-7 people per room), you get breakfast, use of the

kibbutz facilities and a guided omithological tour of the area.

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appreciation for nature and her creafacilities if the birdwatchers - forme. It gives me the feeling that there

eign and local - show up. The Jordan Valley, with its saltwater fish ponds, is a natural way station for birds. One 200-dunam lake at the westernmost point of Kfar Ruppin, once part of Jordan, is now a breathtaking vantage point not just for admixing the birds but for viewing the verdant vista as well. Other birdwatching centers around the country include Eilat and

the Hula Valley.

In fact, on October 21, SPNI is sponsoring a full day of bud-watchwalking tours at the Hula Valley. Although the SPNI is marketing

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To be eligible for such a loan, you must be of limited mobility and eligible for a mobility allowance. The medical board or the medical appeals board must have decided that you need a wheel chair, and you in fact use a wheel chair. You must be ineligible for a lift or loan for the purchase of a lift, under any other law or arrangement.

You may apply for a loan once every five years - under special circumstances, after less than five years, since your last application. The loan will become a grant, after five years. AMOUNT OF LOAN

The loan will be for 80% of the cost of the lift bought, including the installation cost and taxes, but not more than a ceiling of \$2,762.

Those receiving a loan will be required to sign an agreement, which will include the conditions under which the loan must be repaid, and the rules applying to the use of the lift. Further particulars may be obtained from the staff of the Mobility Department at your nearest branch of the NII.

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#### Radlo 3 excludes songs in English

Kol Yisrael's popular musie channel Radio 3 (Reshet Gimmel) will broadcast only Hebrew-language songs beginoing November 1. Israel Radio director Anmon Naday said the decision was made as a result of competition with regional radio stations. Gimmel has lost 50 percent of its listeners since local stations began broadcasting. There were rumors that Kol Yisrael would shut down the station altogether, but Nadav believes turning it into an all-Israeli music station will restore its popularity. He said Gimmel will also encourage local talent. Jerusalem Post Staff

All the world's a stage
The Batsheva Ensemble is off to Hannver, Germany, from October 6-10 with a program of repertory pieces by Ohad Naharin. It will perform Passomezzo and excerpts from Kyr, and Dance Party. It will also have a few rehearsals with Spanish ehoreographer Joaquin Sabate, who is creating a new piece for them.

What started as a graduation project at Jerusalem's School of Visual Theater has grown tremendously. Now the Habamah production of I Murdered Tommy, a take-off on Agatha Christie's Ten Little Indians, by puppeteers Myriam Salzberg and Tsipor Frumkin, has received standing ovations and an extended engagement at the Charleville International Puppet Theater Festival in France earlier this month.

Christie's secluded island where 10 people with unsavory

pasts are gradually humped off is, instead, an old closet inhabited by paper characters. But the fears and uncertainties remain. The festival, whose focus this year was Israel and Japan, hosted some 400 plays from around the world.

The Kihbutz Dance Company, on tour with Rami Be'er's Aide Memoire, got cheered on opening night at the Fnurth International Performing Arts Festival at Porto Allegre in Brazil. The festival is hosting some 48 companies from all over. The KDC theo goes to another performing arts festival in Buenos Aires, the first of its kind there.

Helen Kaye

#### Orna Porat 'works miracles'

First Lady Reuma Weizman was the guest of honor at a gala benefit production of William Gibson's The Miracle Worker at the Haifa Theater last night oo behalf of the Israel Deaf Association. The Oma Porat Children and Youth Theater production is directed by Porat, the theater's founder. It tells the story of Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan, the amazing woman who taught Helen the meaning of language by breaking through the dark, silent world she lived in. The moment wheo Helen at last understands that the wet stuff cascading over her hands, and the taps that Annie signs onto her palm both mean water, is one of the most powerful moments in theater.

#### Israeli films compete for honors

Jewish Revenge is a movie about love and vendetta. It's also about the successful collaboration between immigrant filmmakers and their Israeli counterparts. Director Alexander Shabatayev comes from Dagestan, home of the "mountain Jews" for whom vendenta is a centuries-old tradition.
Shabatayev is himself a mountain Jew and has been carrying the stormaround with him for years. A joint Israeli/Ukrainian production Despish Revenge will be screened at the Valencia Film Festival next month. It has also been entered in the 1997 Israeli Academy Awards.

Another competitor is making its debut at the Haifa Film Festival, Adi Yeffet-Fuchs's 50-minute documeotary, Arkadi and Mokett, is about the friendship that develops between two immigrants from very different cultures - one from Russia, the other from Ethiopia. Mokett (Darba) is an 18-year-old Ethiopian loog-distance running champion who placed 16th in the 10,000 meters at the Junior World Champiooships io Sydney.

Arkadi (Sklar) was a sought-after athletics coach in his native Ukraine. Both immigrated to Israel five years ago and experienced, each in his own way, the wrenching culture shock that both groups encounter.

Helen Kaye

#### More than a hill of 'Bean's

Bean, the ultimate disaster movie starring the comedian Rowan Atkinson as a clumsy English buffoon, has topped \$100 million at box offices around the world - and it has still nnt yet opened in the giant North American market. (It reaches

the US io November.)

The film, written by Four Weddings and a Funeral scriptwriter Richard Curtis, opened in Israeli theaters in August. It went to No. 1 in Spain, is Serbia's highest-ever grossing film, and was the biggest success of the year in Norway.

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#### **MOVIE REVIEW**



Julia Ormond seems far too English and cover-girl pretty to play the title role in Bille August's adaptation of the best-selling novel about the plight of the Inuit.

## Conspiracy in Greenland

By ADINA HOFFMAN

anish writer Peter Hoeg's best-selling 1993 novel, Smilla's Sense of Snow, is a wonderfully hard-to-categorize work. Ostensibly a thriller, the book also holds its own as a serious literary endeavor, placing its keenly realized characters against a dark urban backdrop that's abstract in its wintry grayness yet altogether real. Besides its potboiler elements, the book offers a sharp, site-specific political commentary on the little-known fare of the Inuit people. Hoeg uses a lithe and intelligent prose to tell the story of Smills, an adamantly independent glacial morphologist of part-Greenlandic descent who lives alone in a Copenhagen public housing prot and who grows inimediately s when her next door neighbor and good friend, a little Inuit boy oamed Isaiah, falls to his death off the roof.

Smilla is convinced that Isaiah's tumble was no accident the boy was afraid of heights and never would have ventured up there alone. He must have been chased. As she sets out to determine what happened, she finds herself wading deeper and deeper into a complicated government conspiracy involving the child, their Edenic homeland

SMILLA'S SENSE **OF SNOW** 

Directed by Bille Angust, Screeniay by Ann Biderman, based on the novel by Peter Hoeg. Hebrew title: Hush hasheleg shel ha alma Smilla. 121 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult. With Julia Ormond, Gabriel Byrue, Richard Harris, Robert Loggia and Vanessa Redgrave

and a shadowy medical experiment whose origins date back to a hundred-year-old natural disaster of some clusive sort.

In many ways, Hoeg's novel seems prime movie material. Its mut mystery plot, strong appear to lend themselves perfectly to the screen. (The action moves eventually from the dimly lit city streets to the icy outer reaches of Gola Alta in Greenland.) And from a screenwriter's point of view, the adaptation shouldn't be too difficult sizable chunks of the novel consist of dialogue and motion.

Etcetera etcetera and so forth. For a variety of perplexing reasons, though, Bille August's new film version of the novel is an

awkward disappointment. I say perplexing since in fact the picture sticks closely to the book's outline and works hard - using omioous music and a stark blue-black palette to recreate the cerie sub-zero atmosphere that pervades Hoeg's book. August himself is Danish and has demonstrated in the past a coolly unflappable Nordie sensibility. Indeed, even his film version of Isabel Allende's steamy House of the Spirits had a rather distant, cold-weather feel. Still, the various literally rendered pieces of the novel never come together in movie form.

accounts for some of the problem. Although she's plainly working hard to

As Smilla, the sad-looking Julia Ormond

give her character an inner life, all we see is the effort. Her slightly mournful, bitten demeanor is cryptic. We don't quite know wby she's so hostile to everyone around her, and although the script offers a per-functory political explanation (Smilla is in exile, a child of nature who feels profoundly out of place in urban Denmark), that version doesn't jibe with the sight of the wellheeled glamour girl before us. Even with her oewly darkeoed china doll bangs, bulky sweaters and walrus-husk jewelry, Ormond seems far too English and cover-girl pretty for this explicitly ethnic and quirky part. The problem is not that August has decid-

ed to Hollywood-ify the whole movie. It's that he's caught between hoooring the rules of the John Grisham-style thriller genre and trying for something more ambitiously subtie. While Ormand and her filmic beau, the dashing Irishman Gabriel Byrne, both look Some crucial spark or binding element is - and carry themselves like movie stars, most missing, and when most of the book's deli- of the rest of the roles are cast and acted in and carry themselves like movie stars, most care subtextual nuance falls away, we're a gritty, down-to-earth manner. Isaiah and left with little hut a dull approximation of his mother, for example, are real limits, its silly pulp surface, an Eskimo Nancy "with broad ruddy cheeks and narrow eyes, various bucktoothed, big oosed, actuallooking people.

At the same time, the picture slops up its dramatic emphases, and swerves between standard action-movie sequences and prolonged shots of the heroine looking wistful and ambivalent about the chases and explosions all around her. Instead of the moody ambiguity that characterized these shifts in Hoeg's hybrid novel, bowever, the movie just seems confused.

## The fiddler's back on his roof

#### By HELEN KAYE

was almost old-home week at the Maxim Theater in Tel Aviv last Monday. There on the stage were Haim Topol, Rivka Raz, Dan Almagor and producer Avraham (Pashanel) Deshe, laughing, talking, and swapping memories about Fiddler on the Roof, past and pre-

The ads have been in the Hebrew press for weeks: "Topol in his greatest role in the best and most wonderful musical of all time..."

And there he happily was, bespectacled, silver-haired, a little thin on top, eyes twinkling and still in love with Tevye, the role he's done 1,800 times and still count-

"It's the best part ever written for a singing actor," he says. "And the more I do it, the more I discover in it. I was 30 when I started and I had to imagine how a father feels. Now I know. Back then, 25 years of marriage seemed like an eon. Now, tfu, tfu, tfu, I've been married 41 years and married off two of my daughters. I know all the pains and

joys of fatherhood." He last did the role at London's

By J.D. CONSIDENE

Palladium three years ago. He's done it here, in New York and Japan among other places. He won the role in the movie version that Norman Jewison directed 25 years ago, for which Thpol earned an Oscar nomination.

The current producers screened the movie to all the hopefuls before the auditions started, just in case

ters, and the passing of a way of life, wouldn't play to the MTV generation. They needn't bave worried. The kids got caught up in the enphoria of "Lehaim - to Life," sobbed as Hodel tells her Papa she has to go and join her firebrand Perchik in

the story of Tevye, his five daugh-

Siberia, and got goosebumps as Anatevka pulls up stakes and the Jewish people, once again, are driven from their bome.

The chummy get-together at Maxim revealed some of the rest of the cast. Raz, the queen of Israel's musical stage in the '70s, will play Tevye's Golda. Shlomo Vishinsky will play the butcher Lazer Wolf -"mear and milk," quipped Topol. His own daughter, Adi, who played the youngest daughter at the Palladium, will do the eldest in this



Topol as Tevye at the London Palladium (UPPA)

one. Avi Hadash sewed up the role as Motel the tailor.

Dina Golan, the Ethel Merman of the vocal stage, will do Frume Sarah, Laser Wolf's deceased wife; ex-Mango beauty Michal Tsafir is Hodel; and young drama school grad Yiftah Kaminer is Perchik. Havaleh has not been cast yet,

nor have Yente the matchmaker or Fyedka the Russian, "We have at

least three or four candidates for could you write a musical based on every role," says Topol, who has final casting control. The talent here is amazing."

The director is Sammy Base, who has directed Topol in London and New York. He's directed a lot of Fiddlers because the production has to be a replication of Jerome Robbins's original 1964 Fiddler, the all-time success by Joseph Stein, Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick that many thought would

bomb. "Who would go to see a musical about Jews?" they asked.

Translator Dan Almagor has updated the version he did for the first local Fiddler 27 years ago. And he has a story to tell about the Broadway original.
"I heard about it when I was in

New York one time, so I went to Washington where the previews were..." The second act was awful, he says. After the curtain came down, he went backstage and introduced himself to the creators, who were sitting around glumly. This was when it was still cool to be an Israeli, so all those Jews perked up when I told them I was from laughs Almagor "How Israel,"

a Shalom Aleichem story and not talk about Jerusalem?" he asked them. "All right," they said. "For you, we'll put in something."

And they did. Yente goes to Jerusalem. The way Almagor sees it, he's responsible for the hit song "Anatevka" too - part of that same lesson in Yiddishkeit.

Fiddler played in Japan as well, to packed houses. The Japanese are convinced it's based on one of their

"Its appeal is universal, sentiment and all," says Topol. "It has something to say in every generation. In the '60s it was the passing of the old order, today it's refugees. But the relationship of a father to his children transcends time."

The curtain for this \$1 millionplus, local privately funded production goes up at the Jerusalem Theater on December 20, riding a little on the coattails of the Jubilee (which could do with some real

star quality).
There will also be performances at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv and at the new Convention

Center in Haifa

## Prince – out of sight but online

nce one of the biggest stars in pop music, Prince seems 10 have shrunken into the shadows. He's barely on MTV anymore, hasn't made a movie since Graffiti Bridge flopped, and hasn't released a million-seller since The Hits/The B-Sides came out in 1993. He doesn't even have a record deal

By his own standards, however, things couldn't be better. People who wonder if I miss 'the top' have no concept of evolution!" says the singer who now goes by the name The Artist Perhaps the finniest thing is that the farther he gets from that star-making machinery, the more in touch with his fans he

After leaving Warner Bros. ed a website (the address is

Records, he cut a deal with EMI http://www.love4oneanother.com). another, there are no plans for a America for his first totally new alhum in years, the three-CD Emancipation, which came out last November. It was negotiated as a single-album deal, but before he and EMI could arrange further projects, the label went out of business. Suddenly The Artist was on his

It was a situation that would have left others scratching their heads or US only by phone order (1-800-moaning the blues. But he saw it as NEW-FUNK). an opportunity.

An avid online buff, he realized he didn't oeed a record company to reach his fans - all it took was the worldwide web. So in July, he start-

which describes itself as "the defininve place of gathering 4 all who love life ... The beginning of a webwide effort 2 change the vibration of the world." One of the first things he did online was announce his next recording project, a four-CD set of what he calls "bootleg" material. Dubbed Crystal Ball, it retails for \$50 and is available in the

It's not a normal album release. For one thing, Crystal Ball is, at the moment, merely a speculative effort, as The Artist won't actually begin pressing the set until he has 100,000 pre-orders in hand. For

booklet to accompany the album. Instead, credits and liner notes will be found at a special website - one designed by The Artist's fans.

By dealing directly with his audience, The Artist bopes to produce music at a pace that suits his creanvity, instead of being shackled to a marketing system designed to milk albums for as long as three

In addition to using the Web to get the word out about his music, The Artist is hoping to create a vir-tual community of computer-savvy fans. One of the features of his website is the New Power Generation's "Xperiment in Truth," a fan data-

base The Artist is building to devel-

op "a direct line" to his fans.

If that sounds like some sort of marketing scheme, consider the fact that those who take part in the "Xperiment" receive copies of an all-acoustic album called The Truth. Or look at the information that turns up on The Artist's website. Recent nuggets have ranged from fan club stuff like tips on TV appearances and news about The Artist's Love 4 One Another charity, to gossipy items about how he and his wife, Mayte, keep in touch from the road

by laptop and Quickcam.

Why is The Artist so obsessed with online life? "There is a saying "Where there is more than one, there is abenration," he says. "The connection between my 'friends' and I, online, is unbroken by aber-

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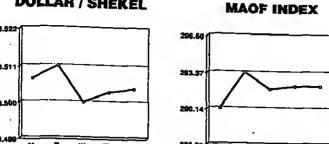
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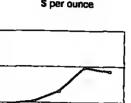
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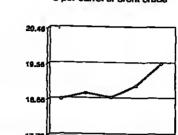
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#### **Utah seeks business in Israel**

Utah is likely to establish a representative presence in Israel in the coming months, according to a senior delegation from the US state, on a fact-finding mission in Israel last week. The team from the state's international Business Development Office is looking at possible ties in the fields of computer hardware and software, hiomedicine, communications, aerospace, mining and agriculture - the main industries in Utah,

The Utah representatives have been highly impressed with the husiness environment they found in Israel during their stay, said office deputy director Franz Kolb. "This is a very progressive ngs are moving and shakin is a great readiness and willingness in Israel to do business."

The team, which has returned to the US, will consider how to move forwards, including possible investments, strategic alliances, joint ventures and trade delegations. There are many similarities between the two," added Kolb. "Take the climate for example, we have the Salt Lake and you have the Dead Sea."

Israel could benefit from Utah's experience in recycling technology, said Kolb, noting the lack of recycling here. Exports from Utah increased 36 percent last year to \$4.2 billion. David Harris

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## August unemployment hits 8%

#### By DAVID HARRIS and Globes News Service

Unemployment reached 8 percent in July and August, the highest figure since early 1994, according initial data published yesterday hy the Central Bureau of Statistics. The August jobless total stood at some 180,000, a 0.1% increase on

the June figure and 0.2% higher than in May. Unemployment has increased by 1.6% over the last 20

This trend is far worse than the Treasury's most pessimistic figures, which suggested there would be 7.7% unemployment by December 31 and 7.9% 12 months later. The Treasury also predicted two sets of figures for unemployment by 2000. In the optimistic view, the total will shrink to 6.8%, but in the worst-case scenario

unemployed. The number of jobless rose by 12,000 in two months, reaching

11.4% of the workforce will be

180,000 in July, compared with employed in the business sector, 168,000, on average, who were registered during the second quarter of the year. Since the beginning of '96, an additional 41,000 have swelled the ranks of the unem-

ployed. A minuscule rise of 1%, in annual terms, in the number of wage earners, was reported for May/June, following stabilization in January to April, as compared to 5% for the whole of '96, and more than 7% for the whole of '95. A

decrease of 1% in the number of

mainly manufacturing, was noted. Real wages have risen at an annual rate of less than 1% since

the beginning of the year. This represents the smallest rise in real wages, since '93. In '96, real wages rose 1.6% and in '95 they

The latest figures from the Employment Service published two weeks ago also pointed to a widening employment gap between the better off areas and

those seen as being socially weak, particularly those designated as development areas.

The highest levels of unemploy ment are found in Ofakim (16.4%). Sderot (14.1%), Kuseifa (13.8%), Yeroham (12.8%), Kiryat Gat (12.8%), and Rahat (12.4%). Sixteen towns now have unemployment rates in excess of 10%. Eilat, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv, meanwhile, have the lowest job-less rates at 1.9%, 3.1% and 3.5% respectively.

#### Airbus arrives to discuss \$200 million El Al deal

#### By HAIM SHAPIRO

Airbus Industrie officials will arrive in Israel this week to discuss a potential \$200 million deal with El Al, executives at the national airline said yesterday.

El Al's chairman, Yosef Ciechanover, and general manager, Yoel Feldscbuh, will head the discussions regarding the pur-chase of five short- to mediumrange aircraft, while Airbus CEO Jean Pierson will lead his company's delegation.

A senior Boeing delegation is due to arrive next week.

Feldschuh said the decision is a crucial one. As the national airlice gears up for a major campaign to attract the business-class market, Feldschuh said El Al officials will closely inspect the features namely the number of seats and the amount of leg room - each company's planes offer. He said that El Al's final decision will be based on which planes would be more attractive to passengers.

"Our decision is to be reached on the basis of comfort for the passengers and not just price," the El Al director said.

El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman said the choice was between the Airbus A319, which holds about 110 passengers, or the A320, capable of carrying 150, and the Boeing 737-700, or 737-800, which can also carry 110 or 150 passengers, respectively. He said that decision would be made by the end of the year.

So far, he said, there had been no political pressure cither from the Americans or the Europea cerning the purchase.

The new planes would be used for short or medium runs, such as Frankfurt, Zurich, Paris, London, Rome or Istanbul, Kleiman said. In many cases, the planes would be used in afternoon flights, which are especially suitable for busi-

The new aircraft, due to be delivered in 1999, along with El Al's fourth Bocing 747-400, would also free up the company's larger, long-range planes so that El Al could introduce more flights to destinations such as Bombay and



Youths protest over the weekeod outside a Nike Town store in New York City, calling on Nike to engage in fair labor practices abroad, to lower the price of their shoes, and to reinvest in America's inner cities. Some demonstrators returned their Nike shoes to the store in a symbolic gesture.

## Siemens, Ramallah company in R&D project

#### By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Siemens Data Communication, a Karmiel-hased subsidiary of Siemens AG, and an undisclosed high-tech company in Ramallah have established a joint research and development center in the West Bank town, Sam Widerman, general manager of Siemens Data Communication,

said yesterday. For the past several months Siemens has been training five Palestinian engineers, who will return to company headquarters in Ramallah next summer. There they will serve as the core engineers at the joint center, which will focus on the development of telecommunications network pro-

By the year 2000, the center is

expected to employ Palestinian engineers.

Widerman said the project's purpose is four-fold: to help create remain in Israel. johs for educated Palestinians; to increase the number of joint projects between Palestinians and Israelis: to find a solution for local high-tech labor shortages; and to gain access to Arab markets.

"This is fantastic for both sides," Widerman said. A "very wealthy and powerful"

Palestinian husinessman living in Iordan owns the Ramallah-based company and is financing the project, said Widerman, adding that due to the current political situation he cannot disclose names.

Widerman said that it took one year and "a lot of patience" to receive the necessary permits from the IDF and the PA to operate a

training center for the know the business and cultural Palestinians. In the case of a terrorist attack, the workers can

Siemens Data Communication, Economic Development. which employs about 100 people and serves as the R&D and marketing center for telecommunications networks for Siemens AG, is currently planning to establish a similar program with a group of Iordanian high-tech engineers.

Meanwhile, the Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development, Marks and Spencer and the Jewish National Fund yesterday announced the establishment of a business training course for Arab and Jewish Israeli students.

The expectation is that this program will allow Arabs to learn about Israeli corporate culture and give lews the chance to get to

said Sarah Kreimer, co-director of the Center for Jewish-Arab

include 300 hours of coursework at the local campus of Swinburne University of Technology of Australia, a three-month internship at Marks and Spencer in London and a three-month internship at an Israeli company. Students must also give a three-

year commitment to participate in a business network for the continued collaboration between Jews and Arabs.

After the one-year certificate course, students have the option to study for another year in order to receive an MA in business admin-

#### Bangkok, be said.

#### petrochemical and plastic indus-

#### By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Eisenberg Group and the Dankner Group, have expressed interest in participating in the proposed \$400 million Qatar Clean Energy Company, Qacenco, Bloomberg reported, quoting the Qatari daily The

Qacenco, which is expected to produce 600,000 tons of methanol a year, has so far failed to get off the ground due to the withdrawal of one of its found-

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ing partners, Petroliam Nasional Bhd., the Malaysian state oil company, in mid-1996.

Dankner, Eisenberg mull Qatari project

Qatar General Petroleum Corp., which owns a 51 percent stake in Qacenco, is currently seeking new partners for the petrochemical project, The Peninsula reported citing industry officials.

The Dankner and Eisenberg groups said they will not comment on the report.

The Dankner group is a holding concern with diversified interests in the energy, chemical,

tries.; salt production, residential and commercial development; cable TV and telecommunica-

The Eisenberg Group manages most of its business in Israel through its subsidiary, The Israel Corporation, which is one of the state's major investment compa-

Qatar, with an indigenous population of 120,000 people, has the world's third-largest natural gas reserves after those of Russia and Iran.

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tion, the station will comprise two units, each capable of generating

#### By DAVID HARRIS

terday announced it has awarded the \$19 million contract to construct the chimney at the new Ashkelon power station to US Pullman Power

Three international companies bid to build the chimney at the

> tricity prices by 2.59 percent. The company bad requested an 11% The board voted unanimously in favor of launching a campaign against the 2.59% rise. Company "A fax for you". executives will now take the matter up with Prime Minister All you want to know about your clants, on your fex, within 15 minutes Binyamin Netanyahu, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman. The economic reality is that

such a low increase will make it difficult to set up new power stations and maintain existing infrastructure, claimed the company.

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## **BUSINESS**

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#### Kuwait's Ahmadi workers start strike

KUWAIT (Reuters) - Export workers at Knwait's Ahmadi refinery and oil export hub started a strike on Saturday, but operations were not yet affected, their union said.

"The strike started... [but] export operations are not affected. The [Kuwait National Petroleum] Company bad arranged for alternative workers," union chairman Hamad Souyan told Reuters by telephone.

#### India looking to buy gas from Qatar

DOHA (Reuters) – The Indian state of Gujarat is looking to buy 7.5 million tons a year of liquefied natural gas (LNG) on a long-term basis from Qatar and Oman, a Qatari newspaper reported

"We are keen on buying this huge amount from global LNG suppliers particularly Qatar and Oman," the English-language Peninsula quoted a member of the Indian team currently visiting Oatar as saying.

The team arrived in Qatar on Saturday in an "exploratory mission to buy LNG from Ras Laffan LNG Company (Rasgas)."

The newspaper did oot give further details about the possible deal or say if the delegation was planning to visit neighboring

#### Mars' battle over new candy lands on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) - Mars Inc.'s fight to keep Nestle USA from selling a chocolate candy containing a Disney toy has reached Congress, The Washington Post reported. Mars lobbyists have been trying to convince lawmakers that the Nestle candy poses a cboking hazard to children, while Nestle contends it is a completely safe treat.

Nestle lobbyists bave persuaded Reps. James T. Walsh, Republican of New York, and George R. Nethercutt, Republican of Washington, to write a letter asking the Food and Drug Administration to issue guidelines for food-toy products, the

#### Mirror Group interested in buying IPC

LONDON (Bloomberg) - Mirror Group Newspapers, publisher of five national newspapers including *The Daily Mirror*, is interested in buying IPC Magazines from Anglo-Dutch publishing company Reed Elsevier, The Observer reported without citing sources. MGN may find itself competing with Emap Group, German publishers Bertelsmann and Bauer, VNU of the Netherlands, and Hearst Corp. of the US, which are all likely to bid for some, if not all of the country's top consumer publications, whose best-selling titles include Loaded, TV Times,

IPC chief executive Mike Matthew is also believed to be keen to lead a management buyout with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, CVC Capital Partners, and CinVen as potential backers, although Reed-Elsevier co-chairman Nigel Stapleton would not confirm that it planned to sell IPC, the paper said. On September 26, Reed Elsevier announced it was investigating malpractice at its Reed Travel Group unit, where mainly hotel and airline companies advertising in its trade publications have been overcharged

### Federal-Mogul offers \$2.4b. for T&N

Corp. offered to buy UK autoparts maker T&N Plc for about \$2.4 billion to cash and assumed debt, seeking the ability to deliver more-complete engioe systems that belp automakers cut costs.

The offer of \$3.78 a share, or about \$2b., was 29 percent more than T&N's closing price yesterday. T&N stock rose 60.5 pence to 242.5 pence, or about \$3.90 a

SOUTHFIELD, Michigan share, indicating investors expect (Bloomberg) - Federal-Mogul Federal-Mogul will have to raise Federal-Mogul will have to raise

its bid. Southfield, Michigan-based Federal-Mogul, the world's largest maker of bearings and bushings, gains access to T&N's line of other engine parts through the acquisitioo. It's the latest of several consolidations driven by aotomakers, who want to cut their own assembly costs by forcing suppliers to build whole systems, not just individual parts.

#### BARAK Continued from Page 1

"People ask me, 'What about deeds?" Maybe these are just words." Barak said. "I say, 'Look at the deeds.' There was a never a government in the history of the state that did more for the poor neighborhoods or the development towns then the government of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon

Despite that, he said, in a speech that fluctuated between lofty oratory and cheap campaign-style rhetoric, 85 percent of the votes cast in Netivot in last year's election went to Netanyahu and only 11% went to Peres.

"What does this say? It says that actions are not enough when there's a deep emotional divide, that reaches down into the stomacb and into the chambers of the heart. Without the ability to touch this, talk about it, discuss it and tell the truth, there is no way m move forward, even with all the best accoms.

Barak told the delegates that he's been saying this for months, even before his election as party chairman in June, but only now is it coming m the attention of the

"An honest look at the past will give us the strength m link arms and move forward in the future,"

Barak's apology was similar to what he bad already said on Thursday, except that this time he stressed the positive aspects of the early days of the state - apparently internalizing criticism that he had focused too much oo the "sins" without due appreciation of

what was achieved. "We are all proud of the Labor movement's great achievements in building the yishuv, establishing the state, ingathering the exiles, and building up the people of Israel in the Land of Israel. This is a great achievement, fills us with pride and could not have happened without the activities of thousands - you are equal.

of veteran," he said.

Having said that, Barak went on to the apology: "In the process, complete communities were uprooted, and were directed to development towns, moshavim and tent cities. Tradition was broken. The internal fabric of the community and the family was broken, and caused real suffering that remains in the hearts of people and their children and even their grandchildren."

"We know it was done unintentionally, but suffering was caused. And it is in identification with the suffering and the pain, and those who carry it, that I ask forgiveness in my name and in the name of the Labor Party."

The hall emptied out after Barak's speech, and only filled up again partially when Shimon Peres took the podium, amid anticipation that be would take issue with Barak's recent pronouncements. He didn't.

At the very outset of bis speech, Peres said, "I didn't come here to scuttle the attempt to get back into the government or back on the

path of peace. "But with that," he said, amid chuckles, "I want to do a personal reckoning."

His personal reckoning was to speak of the achievements of the state over the past 50 years, and included his recollections of what Ashdod - which was established together with Netivot in 1956 was like back then, and what it is

today. Peres, in his 15-minote address. neither apologized nor related to Barak's apology.

But the apology was very much on the mind of Yehuda Aloush, a community activist from Beersheba.

Aloush held up a sign at the entrance to the ball that read: "Barak, we forgive you."

"It doesn't matter if you're saying these things because you need our votes," Aloush said, "because in the final analysis, someone who says he needs you is also saying

## EU's Brittan: China must continue reforms to enter WTO

China must break down barriers to imports and end discrimination of foreign firms in order to gain access to the World Trade Organization, the European Union's top trade official said.

Presenting a united front with the US, EU Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan said China has not gone far enough to satisfy the conditions for joining theWTO, which would entitle its exporters to reduced tariffs worldwide.

"Progress has been made - there is no question about that - but I think we still have a long way to go." Brittan told the Bloomberg Forum during a meeting of EU and Asian trade ministers. "This isn't just a political gesture." The EU's demand comes after

U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin complained about Chinese market restrictions last week in Beijing and contrasts with a more lenient Japanese stance. China has been trying to gain access to reduced tariffs under world trade rules for more than a decade.

Starting Oct. 1, China will cut average tariffs on imports to 17 percent from 23 percent. The details of the cuts, announced last week, were designed to placate critics of its restrictive policies. China has become more accommodating "in areas such as market

access, tariffs, services, the role of

ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting

WTO membership would also

enote it to file grievances in cases

when other countries break the

state enterprises," Brittan said. "There is substantial progress still m be made before we can bring it to a close.

Remaining barriers include a judicial system that discriminates against foreign companies and burdles to foreign involvement in the retailing and wholesaling

Partly because of obstacles to imports, China piled up a record \$25.5 billion trade surplus in the first eight months of the year, more than double the \$12.2 billion surplus recorded for all of 1996.

Chinese officials fear exposing local markets to more advanced competitors from the West and want to open them more slowly. Brittan said the EU would accept phasing in of commitments, but the commitments have to be strong enough."

Brittan said European trade officials will also lobby the 10 Asian countries taking part in talks to pledge to open up their banking and insurance markets ahead of a December deadline for a WTO financial-services trade agreement.

The prospects for an agreement have been dimmed by turmoil in Southeast Asian currency markets, U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said after meeting with Asian finance ministers in Hong Kong last week.

The refusal in some Asian capitals to free up banking and insurance markets torpedoed talks in

1995 to dismantle borders to the multi-trillion-dollar financial services industry. Those negotiations rielded an interim pact which the U.S. refused to sign.
"Nearly all of them (Asian

oations) could improve their offers where they have them or put offers where they haven't," Brittan said. "What bas happened recently reioforces the already great need for reaching agreement in December. It will make it less likely that there will be turbulence rather than more likely."

The 15-nation EU delegation will meet economics and trade ministers from Japan, China, South Korea, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand

## Safeway Plc, Asda end exploratory merger talks

By JONATHAN STANDING

Asda Group Pic and Safeway Plc said they discontioned "exploratory" merger talks that would bave created Britain's

largest supermarket chain.

The boards of both companies confirm that very exploratory discussions had taken place in recent months about a possible merger. Those discussions have been discontinued," the two said in a joint statement. They did not give fur-ther details and officials declined to comment further.

The statement came after the Sunday Telegraph said the two were in talks that would have catapulted Asda, the third-largest chain, and Safeway, the No. 4 retailer, ahead of rivals Tesco Plc and J. Sainsbury Ple in the \$128 billion UK food retail market. It would also have been the latest transaction in an escalating battle to attract shoppers that has seen many chains branch out into nonfood areas such as clothing, and

financial services. "Their options oow are to hope that their existing strategies will Robert Clark, director of Londonbased consultants Corporate

Intelligence on Retailing.

After losses of £365 million pounds in 1992, Asda has forged a distinct identity among food retailers by opening stores that are larger than its rivals, keeping prices low and selling extensive lines of oon-grocery products such

as clothing.

Profit in the year ended May 3 was £357m., 16% up on the year

Safeway, which saw profit in the year ended March 29 rise 7% to £430m., has pinned its expansion hopes on technological innova-tions like self-scanning that cuts checkout queues, a banking ven-ture with Abbey National Pic and on discounts for shoppers with young children.

The chain "must have concluded it is better off with a partner," Clark said.

That leaves it with the option of buying one of Britain's smaller supermarket chains, such as William Morrison Supermarkets Plc, Somerfield Plc or Budgens Ple, whose market shares have been falling as the top four chains expand. Barring that, it might become a takeover target itself, said Clark.

A buyer for Safeway would most likely be from outside the UK; as a bid from any of the man ket leaders might not get approval from UK antitrust authorities. London-based Safeway's share is continue to be successful," said about 7.5%, compared with 7.8% for Leeds, northern-England based Asda, Tesco with 15% and Sainsbury 13%.

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Safeway shares rose 8.5 pence on Friday to 396 and Asda stocks closed at 164, down from 164.5 on

Thursday. Safeway Ple is unrelated to Safeway Inc., a Californian-based

ened to bring down the government

if the cuts are too deep.

The party's initial reaction was negative. "Our first impression is

this. We cannot support it," said Fausto Bertinotti, leader of the

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## ads to lure back readers

newspaper circulation slipping as cable news channels and the Internet take away readers, the nation's papers are banding together for a first-ever national campaign to lure them back.

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The Newspaper Association of America is running celebrity ads to promote literacy, especially among children, and encourage advertising sales to newspapers.

Former presidents George Bush and Jimmy Carter, Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway and rapper LL Cool J are among those featured.

The industry group launched the first seven-week phase of the three-year campaign on September 15 at a cost of \$5.7 million. Nearly 1,000 newspapers have

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Monday, September 29 EMERGENCY

NEW YORK (AP) -- With U.S. committed to running at least two ads a week, the association said.

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto delivers a speech at the opening session of the

Asia-Europe Meeting of economic ministers from 25 Asian and European states yesterday

The ads also appear in trade publications and airline magazines, and on 10 cable networks and local television in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington.

The group will feature new celebrities for the second round of ads in the spring. The campaign was initiated to

counteract the threat from other media and the effects of newspaper price increases and cutbacks of deliveries to outlying areas. "Anyone in the media business

is fully competitive with a whole lot of players who weren't on the scene 20 or 25 years ago," John F. Sturm, the association's president and chief executive, said Tuesday.

The government of Prime Minister Romano Prodi presented a package of 25 trillion lire (\$ 14.5 billion) in spending cuts and new taxes. The measures are aimed at cutting Italy's deficit-to-gross domestic produce ratio to 2.8 percent next year from this year's target of 3 %.

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#### ROME (AP) — The government pensions, which account for about whose support Prodi needs in the presented its yearly budget adjust- 60 % of social spending. Chamber of Deputies, bas threatment for 1998 yesterday, leaving aside the sensitive issue of pension

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About 15 trillion lire (\$ 8.7 billion) is to come from spending cuts, with the rest from new revenues. Taxes on gas, cars, cigarettes, wine, beer and clothes will

About a third of the spending cuts are to come from reforms of Italy's heavy social welfare spending. The government hopes m extract the

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## Stand by Your Man

WASHINGTON , D.C. - "And why is she hanging around with him?" in which the noted NBC broadcaster pleaded guilty to assault through many of the escapades and battery charges filed by a described this week in the

longtime acquaintance, his fiancee. Heather Faulkiner. was with him in They COURT. holding arrived hands, they left holding hands, And in between she sat listening to witnesses testify about her fiance's sexual infidelity and his penchants for threesomes and

women's under-

attractive and accomplished, stick

with a guy like that? A guy who not only has two- and three-timed

her, but who lied about his age

(he's 56) and wears a toupee so

obvious it has been the butt of

courtroom jokes. When does for-

So Faulkiner, 40, a freelance

television producer, joins the

ranks of women who have taken

the song Stand by Your Man

quite literally. Her colleagues

were reluctant to talk about her

- except to say she is a respect-

ed professional, a lovely person,

intelligent and fun to be with,

giveness turn into masochism?

Arlington, Virginia, courtroom — the two became engaged in May, around the time of Albert's indici-

Heather Faulkiner

Sticking by your man in publicly embarrassing moments does not always reflect badly on felt sympathy for

After dating for years -

Gail Berendzen, wear during a trial predicated on who stayed with her husband of his own agreement that he had 25 years after he resigned as pressex with the woman who said he ident of American University and bit her and forcibly sodomized pleaded guilty to making obscene her. At hearings before the trial, Faulkiner and Albert always sat phone calls. Effi Barry, tall and elegant, sat behind Mayor next to each other, and the more Marion Barry during his trial on graphic the testimony got, the more entwined they became. drug charges, listening to the details of infidelity and cocaine Albert's guilty plea does not squelch one of the spectators' sniffing even in her own house, and never publicly lost her cool. major questions: Why would a woman like Faulkiner, obviously And then she split a few weeks

after the trial was over. "One reason people stay long past when they should have is the notion that you made a deal to stand by this person, and it's a character issue that you don't leave during the bad times," said Manhattan psychologist Marlin Potash, author of Hidden

Agendas: What's Really Going On in Your Relationships." It may be complete denial. And for some women there is this transformative Barbie belief in the power of abiding love - 1 will be the savior, the good person bere. The hope is I can save his (Washington Post)

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RB3—Galarraga, Colorado, 140; Bagwell, Houston, 135; Walker, Colorado, 130; Rent, San Francisco, 121; Piazza, Los Angeles, 120; Sosa, Chicago, 119; Gwynn, San Diego, 119.

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## San Francisco clinches NL West

McGwire at 57, Griffey at 56 with one game left

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The San Francisco Giants clinched their first NL West title since 1989, becoming the fourth team this century to go from last 10 first in one season, with a 6-1 win Saturday over the San Diego Wilson Alvarez (4-3) combined

with two relievers on a four-hiner. Alvarez allowed two hits with nine strikeouts in seven innings. Roberto Hernandez allowed a run on two hits in the eighth and Rod Beck pitched the ninth.

Beck struck out Greg Vaughn for the final out, touching off a wild celebration near the mound. San Francisco, which has won three straight and eight of 10, became the last team 10 qualify for the postseason.

It was the Giants' fifth title since moving to San Francisco in 1958. They won the NL pennant in 1962 and 1989, and claimed division championships in 1971 and 1987.

The Giants, who open the play-offs tomorrow at Florida, joined the 1990-91 Minnesota Twins, the 1990-91 Atlanta Braves and the 1992-93 Philadelphia Phillies as the only teams this century to go from last place one season to first place the following year.

Cardinals 12, Cubs 4

Mark McGwire hit his 56th and

57th home runs, the most in a season since Roger Maris set the record with 61 in 1961.

The homers put McGwire one ahead of Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr., who also homered. McGwire needed four in the season finale yesterday against the Cubs to tie Roger Maris' single-season record

McGwire hit a 1-0 pitch in the fourth off Kevin Foster (10-7), a shot that slammed off a concrete facade beyond the left-field fence. In the eighth, McGwire fell behind Ramon Morel 0-2, worked the count to 2-2, and hit a 405-foot borner well beyond the fence in

Dodgers 6, Rockies 1 Visiting Los Angeles was eliminated from the NL West race despite beating Colorado.

Ramon Martinez shut down the Rockies for seven innings and Otis Nixon drove in two runs for Los

Mets 2, Braves 1 Alberto Castillo hit a one-out double in the bottom of the ninth inning off Atlanta closer Mark

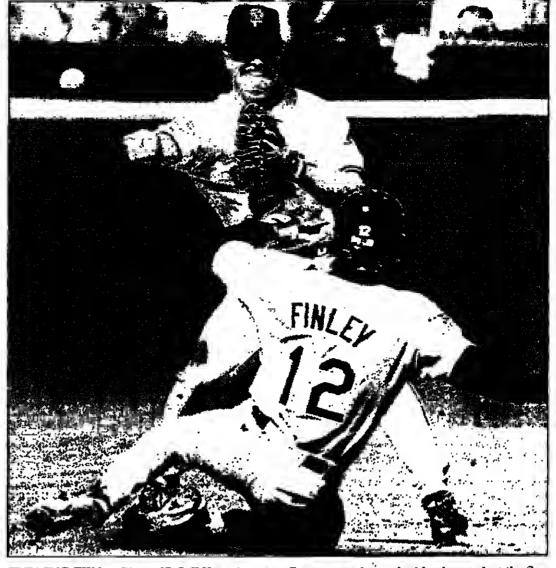
Lopez drew a one-out walk off Wohlers (5-7) and stole second, before Castillo hit a lined shot off the center-field wall. John Olerud had tied the score off Wohlers with a sacrifice fly in the eighth. Wohlers has blown seven saves

The Mets have won 24 games in their last at-bat, tying Florida and Oakland for the major-league lead. New York's 46 come-frombehind victories tied San Francisco for tops in the majors.

Astros 8, Pirates 1 Shane Reynolds beat visiting Pittsburgh for the seventh time in eight decisions and Bob Abreu had a two-run double

Expos 8, Reds 5 Hensley Meulens homered and matched a career high with four RBIs, and Mike Thurman got his first major-league victory.

Phillies 8, Marlins 7 Rookie Scott Rolen hit his second bomer of the game with one out in the bottom of the ninth. Rolen, the likely NL Rookie of



Smottz, Cather (7), Wohlers (8) and J.Lopez, Edd.Perez (7); R.Reed, Crawlord (9) and A.Cassillo, W.—Crawlord, 4-3, L.—Wohlers, 5-7. TURNING TWO - Giants 2B Jeff Kent throws to first to complete a double play against the San Diego Padres in first-inning action.

the Year, hit his 21st homer on a 2-2 pitch from Rob Stanifer (1-2). Rolen's first homer, a two-run shot, gave the Phillies a 6-3 lead in

After Philadelphia tied it 7-7 in the eighth on Billy McMillon's sacrifice fly, Jerry Spradlin (4-8) pitched a scoreless ninth for the

AMERICAN LEAGUE Mariners 9, Athletics 3

Ken Griffey Jr., coming back from a night off, hit his 56th home run and Randy Johnson came out of the bullpen to become bost Seattle's first 20-game winner. Seattle hit three homers, increas-

ing its major league-record total to 264, and reached 90 wins for the first time. Griffey, returning to center field

for the first time since the Mariners clinched the AL West on Tuesday, hit a solo shot off Brad Rigby (1-7) in the second for a 5-2 lead. The fans gave Johnson (20-4) a

standing ovation when he replaced Omar Olivares at the start of the fifth inning with the Mariners in front 7-2. He responded with two shutout innings, striking out three to become the 49th pitcher with 2,000 strikeouts. Yankees 6, Tigers 1

Wade Boggs reached 2,800 career hits with an RBI triple and David Wells had a good audition for visiting New York's postseason rotation.

Rookie Jimmy Hurst's first major-league homer gave the Tigers their only run in their fourth straight loss. The loss snuffed the last chance for the Tigers (79-82) to finish at .500.

Bloe Jays 12, Red Sox 5
Rich Butler had three hits,

including his first major league RBI on a nebreaking single in a four-run bonom-of-the-seventh inning.

Boston rookie Garciaparra had three hits, including his 30th home run and seventh leading off a game to break Johnny Pesky's club record for hits in a season by a rookie. He broke Pesky's mark of 205 hits in 1943 with a second-inning double. Marty Janzen (2-11 got the win

Indians 10, Twins 6 (1st) Twins 6, Indians 4 (2nd, 10) Pat Borders hit an RBI single in a six-run sixth inning as host Cleveland won the opener of a

day-night doubleheader.

Orioles 5, Brewers 4 Eric Davis homered for the first time since colon cancer surgery and Roberto Alomar overcame a 4-2 deficit with a three-run homer in the top of the ninth off Doug Jones (6-6). Royals 10, White Sox 4

Jeff King hit a grand slam to cap six-run sixth inning as visiting Kansas City beat a Chicago team for the first time in 14 games this

Angels 9, Rangers 8
Tim Salmon went 4-for-5 and singled home the winning run in bononi of the ninth off Julio Santana (46).

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### **Undefeated Michigan** beats slumping Irish

ANN ARBOR (AP) - An improved performance by Notre Dame still wasn't good enough to heat Michigan.

The Fighting Irish lost their third straight game Saturday, falling to sixth-ranked Michigan 21-14. It's Notre Dame's longest losing streak since 1985, when Gerry Faust's last Irish team dropped its final three games.

Brian Griese threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Tai Sheets, and Chris Floyd scored on a 14-yard run early in the second balf as Michigan (3-0) overcame a 14-7 halftime deficit

It has been a rough start for new Notre Dame coach Bob Davie, whose team has faltered since opening with a 17-13 win over Georgia Tech. The Irish (1-3) then were beaten by Purdue and Michigan State before losing to Michigan, making them 0-3 vs.the Big Ten.

And it won't get any easier next week at No. 20 Stanford. If the Irish lose to the Cardinal, they'll be saddled with the school's longest losing streak since 1963. Griese was 16-of-22 for 177 vards, while Notre Dame quarter-

back Ron Powlus was 20-of-27 for

205 yards. (1) Florida 55, Kentucky 28 Doug Johnson threw five TD passes, including three to Jacquez Green in the first quarter, as the visiting Gators (4-0, 2-0 SEC) overwhelmed the Wildcats (2-2, 0-2). Kentucky's Tim Couch, who

entered the game with a nation-leading 15 TD passes, was 33-of-59 for 348 yards and two scores. But he was sacked four times and had three passes intercepted. (5) N Carolina 48, Virginia 20

year's collapse against Virginia. back in school history. (7) Ohio St. 31, Missouri 10

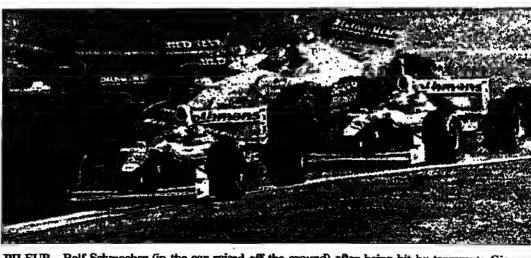
(14) Va. Tech 50, Ark. St. 0 at Tech with 65 victories.

Host North Carolina scored 45 straight points to avenge last The Cavaliers (1-2, 0-1 ACC) took a 20-3 lead late in the first balf before the Tar Heels (4-0, 2-0) rallied to match the biggest come-

Backup quarterback Joe Germaine threw two touchdown passes to David Boston and directed a third scoring drive as visiting Ohio State (4-0) recovered from a sluggish start. Germaine was the Rose Bowl MVP last year in relief of Stanley Jackson, who is 15-0 as

(11) Iowa 38, Illinois 10 Tavian Banks rushed for 191 yards and two TDs as host Iowa (4-0) rolled over Illinois (0-4). The Hawkeyes scored 17 points in the final 8:08 of the first half, and left Illinois winless under new coach Ron Tumer.

Al Clark passed for 177 yards and two touchdowns, and host Virginia Tech (4-0) held Arkansas State (1-3) to minus-28 yards rushing. The Hokies' 12th consecutive home victory made Frank Beamer the winningest coach ever



PILEUP - Ralf Schmacher (in the car raised off the ground) after being hit by teammate Giancarlo Fisichella is about to crash into brother Michael in a Ferrari (right) at the Nuerburgring yesterday, (Reuen)

#### Villeneuve rides his luck to victory in Luxembourg GP NUERBURGRING, Germany driven by brother Ralf on the openretired with a broken suspension on his Ferrari after two laps, fol-

(Reuters) - Jacques Villeneuve looked like a world champion in waiting yesterday after winning the Luxembourg Grand Prix and accelerating nine points clear of unfucky German Michael Schumacher in the Formula One title race. Fortune favored the 26-year-old

Williams driver, who had looked destined to finish third until both McLarens, driven by Finn Mika Hakkinen and Briton David Coulthard, retired. They both suffered blown

Mercedes engines in quick succession on laps 42 and 43 of the 67 lap contest. Villeneuve had already been given a buge boost by the retirement of Schumacher, whose

The Canadian finished 11.7 sec-

onds clear of second-placed Frenchman Jean Alesi in a His Williams team-mate Heinz-Harald Frentzen was third in a result which moved the British team, powered by Renault engines,

structors' crown. It was Villeneuve's seventh win of the year and the 11th of his career, and left him the clear favorite for the title with two races remaining in Japan and Spain.

within reach of a record ninth con-

He now has 77 points to Schumacher's 68 and Williams have 112 to Ferrari's 86. Michael Schumacher, seeking Ferrari collided with the Jordan his third world title in four years,

lowing the crash with brother Ralf. Only 10 of the 22 starters finished. Austrian veteran Gerhard Berger finished fourth for Benetion, so giving French engine suppliers

Renault a remarkable sweep of the top four on Mercedes' home cir-Brazilian Pedro Diniz in an Arrows was fifth and Frenchman Olivier Panis, in his first race since

breaking both legs at Montreal in

June, finished sixth for Prost. World champion Damon Hill might have finished in the points or even on the podium - but for a bad error when the Briton stalled his Arrows at a pitstop. He finished in brief

#### Novotna beats Coetzer, wins Liepzig title

LEIPZIG, Germany (Reuters) - World No. 2 Jana Novotna faltered in the second set before overcoming South African Amanda Coetzer 6-2 4-6 6-3 to win the \$450,000 Leipzig tennis tourna-

After comfortably taking the first set, the Czech player temporarily surrendered the initiative to Coetzer, surprise winner over world number one Martina Hingis in Saturday's semifinals. Saturday's loss was only the second defeat this year for 16-

#### Jarman leads Adelaide to final victory

MELBOURNE (AP) - Adelaide's Darren Jarman kicked five goals in the final quarter to lead the Crows to a first Australian Football League title Saturday with e 19.11 (125) to 13.16 (94) victory over St Kilda.

Jarman powered Adelaide to victory after they were behind by 13 points at half-time in front of 99,600 fans at the Melbourne

#### Blackburn miss chances amid sendings off

LONDON (Reuters) - Coventry prevented Blackburn Rovers from returning to second in the English premier league yesterday with a goalless draw in which both teams had a player sent off. Early league leaders Blackhum are now three points behind Arsenal. Victory would have sent them ahead of Manchester United and Leicester on goal difference.

#### IFA hits Kiryat Gat for attempted fraud

By ORI LEWIS

Second Division Maccabi Kiryat Gat were docked three league points by the Israel Football Association's disciplinary committee yesterday for presenting false documents to the organization's budget committee.

The club was also fined NIS 30,000; their chairman, Micha Gabai, was banned from IFA activity for two years; and they received another three-point penalty, suspended for to years. The club, who should have presented a contract signed with player Marian Kalapetano for approval to the IFA's budgetary panel, in fact produced a fraudulent one

which stated the player was get-ting only a fifth of the salary which he was, in fact, to earn. The club has now dropped to the bottom of the standings and is the only one with no points in the Second Division.

In other news, Betar Jerusalem have arrived in Belgium and yesterday began training - without the injured Eli Ohana - for their UEFA Cup second leg clash with Brugge on Tuesday. Betar have a 2-1 advantage from the first leg.

Hapoel Petah Tikva are preparing at bome for their UEFA Cup match with Rapid Vienna also on Tuesday. They have a 1-0 deficit following the first leg, which was played in Austria.

## Europe hold on to win Ryder Cup

**SPORTS** 

VALDERRAMA, Spain (Reuters) - Europe retained the Ryder Cup yesterday after thwarting a spectacular rearguard action from a US team whose captain Tom Kite said were betrayed by their inexperience of the Valderrama course.

European captain Seve Ballesteros had his dream of victory fulfilled at home as his polyglot team from nine different countries retained the trophy by the same score they won it hy two years ago, 14-1/2 points to 13-1/2.

Ballesteros then declared he would not be captain in 1999 when the event goes to Brookline, near Boston, because he is intent on

winning back his playing spot on the team.
"This team played with its heart, that's wby
we won," Ballesteros said. "I won the Masters and the British Open but there is nothing like the Ryder Cup and it is down to these 12 great men," added the man

who was almost a second captain during eight previous tours of duty as a player. Bernhard Langer, whose missed putt on the final green at Kiawah Island in 1991 cost Europe the Cup, earned the point that ensured Europe at least a de with victory over Brad

Faxon 2 and 1. And Colin Montgomerie, Europe's top golfer for the past four years and who will probably make it a fifth this year, provided the outright victory with a last hole half point against Scott

Kite praised his troops and said the only thing he would do differently at any stage of his captaincy would have been to have persuaded more of his team to play the course before hand.

"I was not forceful enough in getting my guys to all play here during the summer," he

"I have no regrets except not being stronger with the guys to come to Valderrama," he said. "The Europeans chipped better and putted better because they knew the golf course and the greens better." The Europeans have played the Volvo Masters at Valderrama for nine years and have a total of 65 tournaments - some 250 rounds - of experience on the course.

The Americans faced a five-point deficit entering the 12 singles and needed nine points



PROUD VICTOR - A rain- and Champagne-drenched European team captain Seve Ballesteros hugs the Ryder Cup yesterday.

Fred Couples gave them a dream start by crushing Ian Woosnam 8 and 7 to equal the record for one-sided matches - set in 1989 by Kite when he beat Howard Clark hy the same

It was Couples's third successive clash with the Weishman in the Cup singles. The previous two were halved.

But once again - as they bad in Saturday's fourballs - Kite's three major champions from this year wilted. PGA champion Davis Love went down 3 and

2 to Per-Ulrik Jobanssson to complete a futile week of four defeats in four matches. Masters champion Tiger Woods suffered his Costantino Rocca beat him 4 and 2. And British Open champion Justin Leonard

squandered a four-hole lead in a halved match against Thomas Bjorn of Denmark. The cumulative record of the three champi-

ons was one win, three halves and nine defeats Though the US won six and halved one of the

last eight matches, those early defeats proved too costly. "It's called golf. You can't always win," said

Woods. "You can only hope you go away having given your all. I gave my all."

Phil Mickelson chipped in twice for eagle threes and beat Darren Clarke 2 and 1. Mark O'Meara routed Jesper Parnevik 5 and 4, Jeff Maggert won 3 and 2 against Lee Westwood

and Tom Lehman thumped Ignecio Garrido 7 Lee Janzen beat Jose Maria Olazabal although being two down with three to play after the Spaniard bogeyed the 16th and the American birdied the last two in a match that looked hriefly as if would provide the winning

point for Europe. Instead that came from Langer even with a missed putt at the 17th, which became the last

hole because Brad Faxon also missed. That guaranteed at least a de and assured the trophy would stay in Europe. All that was left was for Europe to find another half point from either of their top guns, Nick Faldo, the hero of 1995, or Colin Montgomerie.

Faldo was two down to Jim Furyk with five to play but hit superlative iron shot approaches, a seven iron to three inches at 14 and a four iron to three feet at 15, both of which deserved to win holes.

But Furyk chipped in et both holes to match Faldo's birdies and deny the big Englishman another slice of glory. The American won 3 and

It was left to Montgomerie and the burly Scot seized the moment - though he wavered slightly at the controversial 17th be has criticized so vociferously. Hoch squared the match with a birdie four there to send it to the last.

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Montgomerie played it perfectly, his drive splitting the fairway and bis seven-iron to 15 feet setting up a par that earned a half and gave Europe outright victory.

#### Sampras crushes Rafter to take Grand Slam Cup

MUNICH (Reuters) - World No. 1 Pete Sampras crushed US Open champion Patrick Rafter in straight sets for a lucrative win in the Grand Slam Cup yesterday.

Sampras made sure of a \$2 million cheque with a fine display of attacking tennis to beat Australian Rafter 6-2 6-4 7-5 in a one-sided final lasting 95 minutes.

The Australian Open and Wimhledon champion collected \$1.5 million for his victory plus a \$500,000 bonus for his two grand slam wins.

Rafter, making his debut in the tournament for the top performers in all four grand slams, earned \$1 million - \$750,000 for appearing in the final and \$250,000 for having won the US Open.

Sampras broke Rafter immediatem the first set, then again with a blistering return in the seventh game before wrapping it up in just 21 minutes when Rafter hit a backhand into the net on set point.

The American stayed on top of his opponent in the second set, breaking him with perfect timing with a win-

ning forehand to go 5-4 up.

The third set was tighter, Rafter managing his only break point of the match in it. It came in the sixth game but he wasted it.

Sampras eventually broke the Australian to open a 6-5 lead before sealing his victory with a blistering forehand volley on his first match

#### **SCOREBOARD**

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\*\*\* CONTACT - Based on the novel by Carl Sagan and directed by Robert Zemeckis, this may well be the most self-important sci-

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fi movie ever made - which is not to say that it's not enjoyable. Blending piety and camp in peculiar (and, one senses, not always intentional) measure, the movie manages to bold us first by means of skillful storytelling and the sturdy, thoughtful presence of Jodie Foster in the role of Ellie Arroway, the atheistic radio astronomer whose determination to find signs of extraterrestrial life is rewarded when she begins to receive transmissions from the star Vega. As the picture goes on, and Ellie, Bill Clinton and the rest of the world must decide how exactly to respond to these celestial halloos, the film moves into high goofy gear, asking gargantuan questions about Science, God and Truth as it loads on both the super-duper special effects and the squishy sentimentality. With Matthew McConaughey, James Woods, as well as the American president and a host of real-life TV personalities as themselves. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance

\*\*\* TREES LOUNGE - Most often typecast as a fink, a loser, or worse, Steve Buscemi makes no attempt in this film, his writing/directing/starring debut, to buff or alter his image. If anything, the part he plays here is especially unflattering: Tommy Basilio is a johless and shifty-eyed Long Island local who spends most of his time at a rundown neighborhood bar, drinking himself into a stupor. Buscemi's first turn as leading man may not be pretty, but it is true, an unusually honest and strangely moving portrayal of a complete screw-up. And in an upside-down way, Tommy sets the standard for the whole raw yet powerful ensemble drama (whose cast features, among many others, Carol Kane, Seymour Cassel, Debi Mazar and Samnel L. Jackson). Set and shot in the director's own home town, Valley Stream, the movie offers one of the most sadly accurate portraits of middle American disconnection and drift to reach the screen in years. And although Trees Lounge is not without problems (the casual tempo begins to unravel in the second half), it bodes well. Of recent attempts by actors to direct, Buscemi's is one of the freshest and broadest in its vision. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)



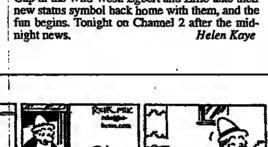
Hollywood heartthrob Matthew McConaughey stars in 'Contact.'

#### **TELEVISION**

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Elana Chipman

Fourth in Keshet's nostalgia series of romantic comedies, the film Ruggles of Red Gap stars a very young Charles Langhton as a most proper British butler whose master loses him in a poker game to a very nouveau-riche couple from Red Gap in the Wild West. Egbert and Effie take their



#### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

1 Quiet before walk because of unsteady gait (7) 5 Inclined towards a career as a cobbler (7)

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- 9 Hurting the final half dozen in reaching goal (9) 10 Force us to give energy (5) 11 Useful narrow part of a
- bone (5) 12 All settle aomehow, but
- give false accounts (4.5) 13 Using a measure of excuse in middle age (9)
- 16 Puts it on one end in the
- ship (5) 17 Posts letters when rash (5) 18 Stupidly plump and shifty
- including beginnings of ugly old Una (9) 20 These help us to cook the

roasts (9)

- 23 Possess about a pound, then reduce it by 50p (5)
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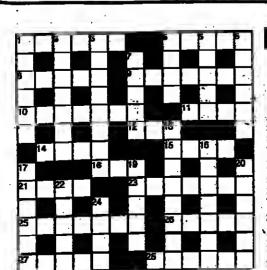
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- 2 Lady in an awful pale colour (5) 3 Red colours of sort of tree
- found in footwear (9) 4 Turn out to be some sort of third rate vice (5)
- 5 Spot drunk isn't heavy (9) 6 Soldier held up by tha
- returning crew (5) 7 Provides protection from snail with suet! (9)
- 8 Varnishes over govern-ment leader's defeats (7) 14 He claims to be academic (9) 15 Price increases in the
- apartment which no one backed (9)
- 18 Feeling suffocated, ha stormed out (9) 17 Eclipse is almost certain to
- disappear (7) 19 Finttered ayelid at Daa first then gave up (7)
- 21 The view was observed by the sound of it (5)
- 22 Discerning first secretary acted piously in the ad (5) 24 Ring up about one shrub for the garden (5)

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10 Separation (7) 11 Information (4) (3) 14 Entreaty (4) 15 Effortless (4) 18 Lacking vigour (3) 21 Uninspired writer

23 Spontaneous applanse (7)
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28 Salad plant (6)

DOWN 1 Long denunciation (6) 2 Furniture transfer (7) 3 On the outside (8) 4 Harvest (4) 5 Combine (5) 6 Assimilate (6) 7 Community
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13 Implying refusal

(8)
16 Epileptie
convulsion (7)
17 Church (6)
19 Female (5)
20 Puzzling (6)
22 Spanked (5)
24 Religious picture

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20:45 The Private Life of Don Juan (1937) — the famous lover, growing old, pretends to kill himself in order 00:00 Verse of the

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■ ETV 2 (23) 15:30 Echo Point

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Lives 15:40 Ricki Lake 16:30 Zingara 17:15 One Life to Live 18:00 Good Evening

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11:30 Hard Evidence (1994) – a woman discovers her new employer is a ruthless criminal 13:05 Seeing Stars 13:55 Cuest for Justice (1992) – the true story of a write journalist battling racism during the American Civil War. With Jene Seymour 15:25 Midwest Obsession (1995) – a small-town beauty queen becomes queen becomes obsessed with the local hunk 17:05 Children of the

17:05 Criticard of the Dark (1994) – a poor family battles igno-rance and prejudice when their children are disease 18:40 Captain Jack (1995) — a pool foot-

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(1991) — a wealthy
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eve of retirement,
puts his successors to
the test. With Danny
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22:00 A Promise to Carolyn (1996) - two sisters decide to reinvestigate the night their sister died 40 years earlier 23:30 Jack Reed, One of our Own (1995) — a policeman protecting a young woman, uncovers co ruption high up in City Hall. Starring Brian ■ CHANNEL 8

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Harvey Kellel, Tim Roth, Christopher Walken, Bruce Willis and Rosanna Arquette 3:30 Intruso (Spanish, 1993) – the quiet mar-riage of Luisa and Romiro is disrupted when her first husband comes to visit (82 mins.)

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22:00 Best of The Tonight Show with

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Night with Conan O'Brien 00:00 Best of Later

00:30 NBC Nightly

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21:20 The Cosby Show 21:45 Different World SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:10 The Sea of Grass (1947) - drama by Elia Kazan about by Elia Kazan about the battle between poor farmers and a rich rancher over New Mexico grasslands. With Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn and Melvyn Douglas 00:15 Wetherby (1985) – an uninvited guest shows up at a Yorkshire school-

teacher's party and Idlis himself the next day. With Vanessa Redgrave, Ian Holm and Joely Richardson. Directed by David Hare (97 mins.)

6:00 Open University (rpfs) 8:05 Great Adventures of the Advertures of the 20th Century (rpt) 9:00 Searching for Lost Worlds: Dragon Hunters (rpt) 9:55 Berlioz: La Messe Solomelle 11:00 Present Balaro

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21:00 Boxing 22:00 English League Soccer 23:30 Fabulous World **■ EUROSPORT** 

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18:30 Truck Racing 19:00 Offroad Magazine 19:30 Speedworld Magazine 21:00 Cycling: Nations Open 00:00 Eurogoals **STAR SPORTS** 

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## Olmert acquitted of fraud charges

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and news agencies

"Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert was found not guilty yesterday on charges of campaign finance fraud io connection with the 1988 Knessei election and the 1989 local council elections, when he was the Likud's treasurer.

Tel Aviv District Court Judge Justice Oded Mudrik ruled that the prosecuoon did not prove that Olmert was involved in the scheme to provide companies with ficotious receipts which involved falsifying documents, aggravated fraud, and knowingly making false statements.

"I am happy," Olmert said after the court handed down its verdict. "The judge said I am innocent, that the charges against me were oot proven."

Olmert's lawyer, Yigal Arnon, said there were no grounds to try Olmert in the first place, and called on the State Attorney's Office to review its policy.

There was similar reaction from other politicians, who attacked the State Attorney's Office and the Attorney-General's Office for some dozen investigations against political figures over the last two years.

Not one of the cases resulted in a conviction.

MK Ruby Rivlin (Gesher-Likud) accused former attorney general Michael Ben-Yair of policical motives in deciding to prosecute public officials, iocluding Olmert, Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan, and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, He recommended that those involved in handiog down baseless indictmeots against public figures should face disciplinary proceed-

ings. State Attorney Edoa Arbel issued a statement saying that the recent acquittals of several public figures do oot mandate a change



Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is congratulated by his wife after his acquittal yesterday.

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(Yael Somech/Israel Sun)

noted that from a public point of Attorney-General Elyakim view, it was correct to indict him. Rubinstein said that he has oo He said that policy review is doubt that outside consideracions. always proper, but that the State especially political ones, are not Attorney's Office is not comfactors in the State Attorney's pelled to do so based on Olmert's Office's decisioo on whether to acquittal.

After hearing the morning vercongratulated dict, Olmert returned to his office Olmert upon his acquittal, hot at noon, where he was greeted by

dozeos of floral bouquets, according to his spokesman Haggai Elias. Olmert donated the flowers to Shaare Zedek Hospital "because they are still treating people from the bombings at Mahaneh Yehuda and the Ben-Yehuda mall," Elias said, adding that Olmert later weot to the Western Wall, where he read two

Prosecutors had accused Olmert with helping to set a fake advertisiog agency to give false receipts to advertisers and husiness leaders who made donations to Likud. The donors theo wrote off the contributions as a taxexempt husiness expense. Businesses are barred by law from making political contribu-The court also cleared Olmert of a second charge of giving false testimony to the state comptroller regarding Likud's election Olmert's positioo as mayor and

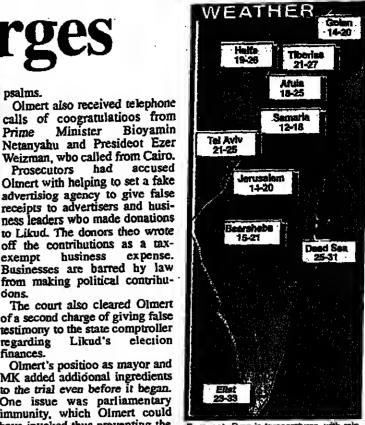
MK added additional ingredients to the trial even before it began. One issue was parliamentary immunity, which Olmert could have invoked thus preventing the trial from going forward.

But at his own initiative last October, Olmert requested that the Knesset House Committee lift his immunity so that he could stand trial.

At the same time, he submitted a peotion to to the High Court of Justice in which he claimed the decision to press charges against him was illegal, hased on conflicting statements made by then attorney-general Michael Ben-

But the court ruled that despite Ben-Yair's having spokeo "out of both sides of his mouth" regrading the evidence against Olmert, the question of whether there is enough evidence or not is strictly in the attorney-general's purview. and that in this case Olmert could be indicted.

The High Court bad earlier ruled that under existing precedent, Olmert was not required to



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few days, the office will study the

verdict, adding that the judge had

said that the holding of the trial

Arbel repeatedly expressed her

complete confidence in her staff.

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## Prosecuting public figures

When he was attorney-general, Aharon Barak - now Supreme Court president - put forth the now widely. known Buzaglo test, which says it is the duty of the prosecuting authorities to ensure equality between the ordinary citizen, Buzaglo, and a public figure such as the prime minister. or a mayor. The Buzaglo test means that all citizens, high and low, are subject to the law, and a mayor or minister will not be favored.

The acquittal of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert again raises the issue ties. He was indicted eight years of prosecutorial policy toward indicting mayors and other public figures. They are usually indicted for the ambiguous offense known as breach of trust, which is not clearly that it does not think it needs to

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defined and very much dependent upon prevailing social norms. In numerous cases the public figures were acquitted. When the prosecution appealed, it lost in the

Supreme Court. The Olmert case has other difficul-

after the matter arose, and then only after his associate Likud Party treasurers had already been convicted. · The prosecution has announced change its policy. I would say that a lot of thinking has to be done. The recurrent acquittals suggest that the prosecution makes its life

too easy and passes the buck to the courts, instead of taking responsibility and closing the cases. Not every misconduct is criminal. There are other sanctions - moral,

political, and disciplinary. And when public figures are indicted, and then acquitted, they are ineversibly punished publicly. The standards applied to them are stricter. The result is that the Buzaglo test is applied, but justice is not done, or at least does not seem to be done.

The writer is a law professor at the Hebrew University.

## Pluralism battle to hit Diaspora pulpits on High Holy Days

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Trying to ensure that pluralism is pitched from the pulpit on the High Holy Days, the New Israel Fund sent 3,500 non-Orthodox rabhis in Israel, the US, Canada, and Britain a "source guide" that provides ammunition in

the battle for religious freedom. But with Conservative and Reform rabbis focused on the battle, the holidays in the Diaspora are

Israel diambe. If so, the question will be whether the con-Orthodox will be sophisticated in conveying agitation with

likely to turn into a collective and-

the Israeli government, without jilt-

ing their own causes in Israel. The NIF's "Judaism and the Jewish State: A Source Guide" is a 91-page booklet of biblical citaoons, news clips, and opinion pieces - including Orthodox voices that are a primer on pluralism. It is intended to provide materials rabbis can incorporate into sermous for the few days each year when syna-

gogues are packed. The year 5757 has been a trying one for advocates and practitioners of religious freedom and pluralism in Israel," said a "Dear Colleague" letter, from a dozen Reform and Conservative rabhis, that was shipped with the NIF primer. Throughout this year, the religious parties and the Chief Rabbinate have been working to deny legiti-macy to all forms of Jewish belief and practice but their own."

The holidays are the time to sum up the events of the year, and pluralism has sparked "the greatest grassroots upheaval in a decade," said Rabbi Eric Yoffie, head of the Reform movement in North America. "It never occurred to me that rabhis would not use the holidays to express concerns about pluralism and do so in an emphatic and

angry way," Yoffie said yesterday. But this also is the traditional time synagogues raise money for themselves and also promote UJA and Israel Bonds. Fund-raising has been the Diaspora's customary cudgel when it is disaffected with Israel.

The Reform movement, observers noted, is giving Americans dual messages - stoking their anger over pluralism, but also telling them not to desert UJA and Israel Bonds. Earlier this month, the Reform leadership called on Reform rabbis and congregations to cooperate with UJA and with the local Jewish fed-

erations that raise money. "We hope that you and your federations will begin a constructive new relationship," the leadership

UJA has committed itself to try to

raise an additional \$20 million for

the Reform and Conservative movements' operations in Israel but only once it reaches its regular campaign goal. That requires maintaining the good will of the move-

Despite the emphasis on pluralism, Yoffie said he does not think there will be a "large scale rebel-lion" against the traditional philan-

thropies. "No one is saying don't give to Israel," Yoffie said. "The question is, what way? Through what chan-

#### **Knesset panel discusses** ethics codes for police probe

The Knesset Interior Committee yesterday discussed police investigation procedures to find ways of ending hiased interrogacions of public figures.

The meeting was attended by Avigdor Lieberman, the directorgeneral of the Prime Minister's Office, who has been the object of several police inquiries, Police Inspector-General Assaf Heferz, and Investigations Division head Crndr.

Sando Mazor. Committee chairman Salah Tarif called on Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to establish a working group of jurists, police investigators, and former ministry directors-general to formulate a

code of ethics. The committee met after the acquittal of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert on charges of illegally rais-

ing funds for the election campaign. Hefetz agreed there is a problem of leaks from investigations, but he denied the police has a policy of

leaking information. Lieberman noted that leaks had the opposite effect to that intended, and the continued investigation of Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lemer) had turned him into the Russian-language press's man of the year.

Fraud squad chief Yerahmiel Halperin said cases against public figures are difficult to prove, so more than half end in acquittals.

Mazor, often portrayed as the man out to get public figures and whose Bar-On investigation led to a police recommendation to indict the prime minister, said had he conducted the probe of Olmert, he would have called and congramiated him on his

#### Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the king of spades, 7 of hearts, 9 of diamonds, and 10 of clubs, and the 9 of spades, 10 of hearts, jack of diamonds, and 9 of clubs.

